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Port Almanac—December 17.

Sun Rises	7.04 A M
Sun Sets	4.47 P M
Day's Length	9 h 43 m
High Water at Southport	8.26 P M
High Water at Wilmington	10.38 P M

The Weather.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE.
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 17.

Meteorological data for yesterday:

Temperature: 8 a. m., 36°; 8 p. m., 49°; maximum, 53°; minimum, 35°; mean 44°.

Rainfall for the day .0; rainfall for the month up to date, .60.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

For North Carolina, fair; easterly winds; warmer in western portion.

The barometer has risen on the Atlantic Coast and in Rocky Mountain districts. It has fallen from Lake Superior and Minnesota southward to Texas. It is highest over the St. Lawrence Valley and lowest over Minnesota.

Generally fair weather has prevailed except in the extreme Northwest where much colder northerly winds and snow are reported. The temperature has remained about stationary on the Atlantic Coast. It is colder in the St. Lawrence Valley and in the Northwest and it is warmer throughout the Central Valleys and the Upper Lake regions.

Warmer and generally fair weather will prevail from the East Gulf Coast northward over the Southern States and Ohio Valley.

OUTLINES

In the Senate petitions were presented for a restoration of the McKinley tariff on wool and for a one cent letter postage; a bill was introduced to exclude aliens from public employment; a resolution calling on the President for a report why the law providing for the payment of a sugar bounty was not enforced was agreed to. The session of the House was devoted chiefly to routine business; the Secretary of the Interior criticised by Delegate Flynn of Oklahoma for dereliction in executing the laws of Congress. —— Over $3,000 000 was withdrawn from the Treasury for export, reducing the gold reserve to $72 804,766. —— The Venezuelan matter will probably be sent to Congress to-day for its action. —— In the North Carolina Methodist Conference reports from various committees were read and adopted. —— Three committees will be appointed to decide the thirty odd contested election cases now before the House of Representatives. —— Irish-Americans are reported to be forming an army for the liberation of Ireland. —— It is reported that Great Britain is negotiating with Spain for the cession of Cuba. —— Lord Salisbury says there is no effective concert of European Powers in regard to Turkey. —— Spain is negotiating with a Paris syndicate for a loan to carry on operations against the Cuban insurgents. —— The insurance conspiracy cases on trial at Trenton, N. C., will probably last until Wednesday. —— J. T. Wilson, Jr., has brought suit for $10,000 against the Winston-Salem Street Railway Company for killing his little son. —— The Republican committee to fill the committees of the Senate has completed the list and it will be submitted to a caucus to be held to-day. —— New York markets: Money on call was quoted at 1½@2½ per cent. last loan at 2 and closing offered at 2; cotton dull—middling gulf 8 13-16c; middling 8 9 16c; Southern flour dull but steady—common to fair extra $2.10@2.80; good to choice $2.90@3.00; wheat—spot fairly active, active; No. 2 red in store and at elevator 69¼c; afloat 71c; corn dull and easier—No. 2 at elevator 32½@33¾c; afloat 34¾c; spirits turpentine firm and steady at 27½@28c; rosin dull and steady—strained common to good $1.70@1.75.

It is said that the greater and most valuable part of the new gold fields in Colorado are on Government timber reservations, which will prevent the locaters from getting title to them.

It is said that acetylene gas has a very offensive odor, but it can't put the gentleman from the rural districts, who blows it out, to his long sleep a bit sooner than the old fashioned coal gas.

The Michigan grangers were not so far off their base when they said the trouble was not so much that the Government is in the banking business as that the banks were so much in the Government business.

It costs about $10,000 to launch a big war ship, but it costs a good deal more than that to keep her afloat. This doesn't include the wine that is spilled on her nose, and under other noses in the closing ceremonies.

THE JNO. L. BOATWRIGHT CO.,
15 and 17 South Front street, Wilmington, N. C.
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THE MORNING STAR

VOL. LVII.—NO. 73. WILMINGTON, N. C., TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1895. WHOLE NO. 8,932

An absent minded man can never be depended upon. A Poughkeepsie man who thought he could keep his $500, the savings of fifteen years, better in a basket which he carried around with him than the banks could, got along very well until he one day laid the basket down, forgot all about it and lost both basket and money.

It is estimated that the output of the bicycle factories in this country next year will be 800,000. Henry Clews calculates that American straddlers have invested $200,000,000 in wheels in the past four years, and thinks that the makers ought to be satisfied with less than $100 for an article that costs them about $27.

The finding of the bodies of some well-known people in a dissecting room in a Medical College at Topeka, Kansas, came very near starting a riot and demolishing the institution. Respectable corpses don't like to be cut up that way and it is not surprising that their friends cut up about it.

A stubborn case of hiccoughing which resisted the efforts of physicians to cure it, and came near killing the sufferer, was cured by the use of a few drops of the oil of cinnamon on lumps of sugar, the lumps to be taken every ten minutes. The remedy is simple and harmless.

Senator Quay says he doesn't want the nomination for the Presidency and wouldn't accept it if it was presented to him on a gold plate and wrapped up in gold leaf. There are lots of other fellows who would take it if it were presented on a pitchfork.

Ten thousand miles of railway, known as the Atchison system, valued at $350,000,000 (how much water in this not stated) was knocked down at auction at Topeka the other day for the small sum of $60,000,000, and not a single editor bid on it.

Edison recently burned a thousand letters which had accumulated in the absence of his stenographer. A distinguished statesman of this country once got into a good deal of trouble by simply writing "burn this" on some of his letters.

A representative, whose name is Rowland Blennerhasset Mahanay, now occupies the seat that Tom Reed did in the last Congress. Rowland has a bigger name than Tom, but he can't begin to fill the seat as Tom did.

Street Commissioner Waring, of New York, suggests that if people would feed their banana skins to horses, the horses would appreciate it and so would pedestrians who are averse to sitting down on the sidewalk.

If the house ant was as big as an elephant, it wouldn't do to fool with. An English writer says it can support three thousand times its own weight. There a good many men who cannot even support themselves.

The Augusta *Chronicle* rises to remark that "the greenbacks have no lack of friends in either party." But there is a power of fellows on deck who have a monstrous lack of greenbacks.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

D L GORE—Butter.
MASONIC—Meeting Wil. Lodge.
MORRISON—Candies, chocolates.
CRONLY & MORRIS—Land for sale.
H. MCCLAMMY—Commissioner's sale.

LOCAL DOTS.

Items of Interest Gathered Here and There and Briefly Noted.

— The stage of water in the river at Fayetteville Sunday at 8 a. m. was 6 2 feet; a fall of two-tenths of a foot in 24 hours.

— An amateur performance is to given by young ladies and gentlemen of this city, entitled the "Two Buzzards," and rehearsals are held nightly.

— The steamers *A. P. Hurt* and *Frank Sessoms* from Fayetteville were here yesterday and left in the afternoon on the return trip with good freights for way landings.

— Many of the stores were crowded with purchasers of Christmas goods all day yesterday and up to 9 o'clock at night. The STAR was glad to see that those merchants who advertise in this paper were having a fine trade.

Cotton Notes.

Receipts here yesterday were 938 bales; same day last year 2 874 bales.

Boston *Commercial Bulletin:* There has been a little more buying of cotton by spinners in the last three days. The market has advanced about ⅛c during the week. Low grade cotton is scarce, most of the crop running strict middling. Tinges and stains are not a factor. Southern holders are very firm. They are slow to follow contracts down, but rapidly discount any advance on the Exchange.

Housekeepers who want servants are in the habit of supplying their needs from the STAR'S want column. Are you looking for a situation? The STAR'S want column will bring you the best results. One cent a word. But no ad. taken for less than 20 cents tf

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Pertinent Paragraphs, Pertaining Principally to People and Pointedly Printed.

— Mr. W. L. Lea, of New York, is registered at The Purcell.

— Miss Maggie McRackan, of Southport, is here visiting friends.

— Mr. E. D. Kyle, of the C. F. & Y. V. R. R., arrived here last night.

— Mr. Burt Eddy, of Chicago, was registered at The Purcell yesterday.

— Mr. J. W. Barnes, Sr., has returned from a business visit to Florida.

— Mr. R. M. Wescott has returned from a business visit in Brunswick county.

— Mr. C. C. Anderson, of Atlanta, was in the city yesterday, stopping at The Purcell.

— Mr. T. H. Hales, of Elizabethtown, was in the city yesterday on a business visit.

— The STAR regrets to learn that Mr. O. G. Parsley is quite sick at his residence, corner Front and Walnut streets.

—Mr. W. L. Robinson, who handles the lightning for the C. F. and Y. V. Railway at Summerfield, is here on a visit to his mother.

— Mr. Ed. S. McEachern and Mr. Jno. S. McEachern returned home yesterday from Chapel Hill to spend the holidays with their families.

— Mr. Walter Newcomer, musical director of the Mabel Paige Company, was compelled to go to Asheville to consult a specialist in regard to his health.

— Misses Carrie and Nellie Fain, popular and accomplished young ladies of Atlanta, are here to spend Christmas with the family of Mr. W. J. Crosswell.

— Messrs. T. M. Pinner, E. D. Guthrie, of Southport, passed through the city yesterday on their way home to spend Christmas from Trinity College.

— Mrs. Mary B. Stedman, of Elizabethtown, who has been on a short visit here to relatives and friends, returned on the steamer *Sessoms* yesterday.

— Dr. W. J. Love's many friends will be glad to hear that his son, Mr. Asa H. Love, who has been very sick in New York city, is now much better.

— Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Harker, of Maxton, reached here yesterday on their return from Conference at Elizabeth City and left for home on the 8.20 p. m. K. S. train.

— Messrs. J. K. Morrisey, Winston; J. J. Bowden, Kenansville; T. C. Wallace, H. Bowden, Warsaw; G. W. Westbrook, Wrightsville; T. J. Gardner, Hope Mills, were among the arrivals in the city yesterday.

— The arrivals at The Orton yesterday were Messrs F G Snyder, Geo H Frey, New York; A P Miller, Baltimore; Chas P Mantuwson, Atlanta; Edwin E Siebels, Columbia; W E Runkler, Charleston; J T McEachen, Laurinburg; T Lehiman, Philadelphia; T W Kernan, Wilmington, Del; Mr and Mrs C S Mariner, Miss Mariner, Miss Nina Mayant, Miss Emily, Master A T Mariner, K C Barrett, Florence; L A Monroe, Laurinburg; G J Cherry, Parmele; P M Garrett, Boston; R H Sanford, Philadelphia; H H Harkey, Brooklyn; R E Smith, Norfolk; W Buckner, Richmond; A M Penny, Gazeville; E D Kyle, N C.

Y. M. C. A. Officers.

At a meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association held some days ago, several new members were elected to the Board of Directors, making that body to consist of the following gentlemen: B F. Hall, D. G. Worth, W. H. Sprunt, R. W. Hicks, J. C. Morrison, Roger Moore, P. B Manning. Dr. D. W. Bullock, Dr. J. H. Dreher, Messrs. E S. Tennent, DuBruiz Cutlar, P. Heinsberger, Jr, A. J. Howell, Jr., C. C. Brown, Dr. R. D. Jewett, Messrs. J. H. Rehder and F. L. Huggins. The board met last night and elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

President—A. J. Howell, Jr.
Vice President—P. B. Manning.
Secretary—Dr. J. Dreher.
Treasurer—P. Heinsberger, Jr.

Rev. R. E. Peele.

A large number of men gathered in the Y. M. C. A. rooms last Sunday to hear Mr. Peele in his parting address to Wilmington. He leaves to-morrow to take charge of four Baptist churches near Darlington, S. C. The churches are in the country, some thirteen miles apart, and the charge is said to be a very desirable one. He gave the young men one of his characteristic talks, his subject being "Contentment."

These meetings at the Y. M. C. A. are usually well attended, and are always interesting. Next Sunday, Rev. W. B. Oliver will by special request speak on "The Seventh Commandment," and all men are invited to hear him.

Death of Mr. Robert L. Steele of Richmond County.

Mr. Robert L. Steele, one of the most prominent citizens of Richmond county, died suddenly at his home in Rockingham last Sunday night, in the 76th year of his age. He was a man of wealth, brother of the late Walter L. Steele, and was closely identified with several important manufacturing enterprises. He was for several years president of the Robedel Cotton Mills, and at the time of his death had nearly completed the "Steele Mill," a large cotton factory in course of construction at Rockingham.

A Touching Incident.

A touching incident of the funeral services of the late Geo. Cronenberg, which were held at Florence Saturday, was that six of his brothers, Robert, John, Fritz, Albert, William and Charles, acted as pallbearers. As heretofore stated in the STAR, the deceased was a brother of Mr. H. Cronenberg, of Wilmington. He left two little orphan children, his wife having died about two years since.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Special Services—Beginning of the Holidays.

Special services were held at the First Baptist Church Sunday night, termed the beginning of the holiday services. A special musical programme had been arranged. At 7.30 o'clock the auditorium of the church was packed, and a large number had gone into the galleries. The services were opened by the large choir, which had been selected for the occasion, singing the doxology. Rev. W. B. Oliver then took his text from Nehemiah, iv:6, and delivered a fine sermon on concerted action of Christians, citing how the wall around Jerusalem was built by each man doing his part. The sermon was eloquent and instructive. Just before the conclusion Mr. Oliver stated that a note had been written him by a young man asking that he touch on the immorality which existed in the city, and he did this, raking the vices in their different phases, laying special stress upon drinking and gambling and the curses of each. The music was greatly enjoyed by the large congregation and was exceptionally fine. The following were the choir: soprano, Misses Lidie Whitney and Carrie Whito; tenors, Prof. Jno. Baker and Mr. C. H. Cooper; altos, Misses Annie Calder and Katie Alderman; baritone, Mr. A. S. Holden; bass, Messrs. Frank L. Huggins and Edward G. Woodly.

The musical programme, especially the duet by Mr. A. S. Holden and Miss Mayme Henderson, entitled "Weekly May My Soul Receive," and the anthem by the choir, "O Lord How Manifold," were admirably rendered. The choir was accompanied by Miss Cannie Chasten, organist; P. V. Alderman, cornet; Prof. J. Clement, violin; Mr. W. A. Martin, flute.

"Minnie Maddern Fiske."

It occasionally happens that native genius is so pronounced that it compels native recognition, and thus the aphorism that "a prophet is not without honor save in his own country" should not always be accepted. Minnie Maddern Fiske, who has returned to the stage after a retirement of five years, has in the great cities of the country within a few weeks compelled wondering recognition. In her new play, "The Queen of Liars," in which she will be seen in this city at the Opera House on next Thursday evening, Mrs. Fiske has been accepted by the public with enthusiasm, and the leading critics have declared her to be the greatest emotional actress in America.

First class attractions are always well patronized in Wilmington, and it is safe to predict a large and fashionable audience for this occasion.

The sale of seats will open this morning at 7 o'clock at Yates' bookstore.

Senator Daniel's Daughter.

The Roanoke *World*, in speaking of the marriage of Miss Carrie Daniel, says:

Senator and Mrs. Daniel have issued cards to the wedding of their daughter, Miss Carrie Warwick Daniel, to Mr. Frederick Harper, of Wilmington, N. C., to take place on the 19th at "Westerly," the Senator's elegant home on the suburbs of Lynchburg, and doubtless it will be a very interesting and brilliant affair.

The prospective bride is possessed of a very charming personality, and is full of the freshness of youth. Besides being very pretty, she is quite noted for her fine sense. She is unspoiled by the dress patrons of fashion, and is altogether a wholesome, handsome Virginia girl, and the pride of her parents.

Of Interest to Hunters.

It is said that when the sun is visible a watch may take the place of a compass. This information will be of value to anglers and other sportsmen in emergency. Point the hour hand of a watch to the sun, and south is exactly half-way between the hour and figure 12 on the watch. For example, if it be 4 o'clock point the hand indicating 4 to the sun, and the 2 on the watch indicates due south. If it be 8 o'clock in the morning point the hand indicating 8 to the sun and the figure 10 on the watch is due south. If the hour hand be at 8, due south will be exactly half-way between 1 and 2, and so on.

Daughters of the Confederacy.

New application blanks for membership, allowed by the Constitution adopted by the Convention in Atlanta, Nov. 8th, are now ready and will be found at Johnson & Fore's in charge of Miss White and Miss King. It is very desirable that these should be filled out and handed in by all applicants as soon as possible and that all interested should attend the meeting on the 19th inst., when the new Constitution will be read, committees appointed and other business of importance brought before the meeting.

City Court.

Mayor Harriss presided yesterday in the City Court.

Carrie Styles, colored, charged with disorderly conduct was found guilty, but judgment was suspended upon payment of the costs.

Sam Smith, colored, arrested as a suspicious character, was remanded for examination to-day.

Hamilton Walker, a stranger, thought to be insane, was also remanded for examination to-day.

Buy No Others.

All persons are hereby cautioned against buying copies of the STAR offered for sale on the streets unless, in every case, the words "For Transient Sale," are stamped on the margin of the paper. Should any newsboy or carrier offer for sale a copy of the STAR not so stamped he should be promptly reported at this office.

— Local forecast: Cloudy and threatening Tuesday; warmer; fresh and brisk southeasterly winds.

THE BONNER MURDER

CASE TO BE TRIED AT A SPECIAL TERM OF COURT FOR BEAUFORT.

Examination of the State Treasurer's Books by a Legislative Committee—Hiram L. Grant and Tom Settle—John E. Gentry and Joe Patchen—Internal Revenue Seizures—Supreme Court.

[*Star Correspondence.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 16, 1895.

The Governor to-day ordered a special term of court for the trial of criminal cases only in Beaufort county, beginning January 6th. Judge W. A. Hoke will be the Judge presiding. The court is called at this time for the trial of the Bonner murder case, which is fresh in the minds of the public. Speedy trial of such an outrageous crime as was this, helps to reduce the lynching craze to a minimum.

The joint Legislative Committee appointed by the last Legislature to examine the State Treasurer's books have arrived and started on their undertaking this morning.

The committee consists of Messrs. Farthing, of Watauga, Mitchell of Bertie, from the Senate and Hileman, of Cabarrus, Julian, of Rowan, and Ellis, of the House.

Mr. Hiram L. Grant has left the city. While here he made no secret of his contempt for the Hon. Thos. Settle. Mr. Settle, it seems, is doing all he can against Pritchard's pets and especially has he assailed Grant. For this Mr. Grant is not thankful. He is a candidate for the position of sergeant-at-arms of the Senate and has the backing of both Pritchard and Butler. Mr. Grant has not given up hope of securing the position. While here he stated he thought his chances were excellent. Loge Harris says he is the man. It is stated that Butler controls the appointment of sergeant-at-arm by the sale of his vote to the Republicans.

Maj Grant came home because he learned that the matter would rest until after the Christmas holidays.

Joe Patchen has left Alamance farm and Mr. Banks Holt will dispose of all his horses, including John R. Gentry. It is said that he was deceived by certain horsemen and lost a good part of Gentry's earnings.

There are thirty-seven prisoners in jail. Marshal Carroll's son and two deputies left this morning with James E. Gates, of Person, and James H. Bunn, of Morrisville, for Kings County Penitentiary, in Brooklyn. Gates and Bunn were sentenced by Judge Seymour to the penitentiary for eighteen months and fined $1 000.

Deputy Collector Moffitt captured an illicit distillery in Guilford county Saturday. The distillers saw the revenue men coming and they moved the whiskey maker, which was in full blast, several hundred yards from its original location. The officers discovered it by smoke issuing from the undergrowth. None of the "shiners" were arrested. It was a ninety-gallon still. There were 160 gallons of beer. All were destroyed. Deputy Collector Moffitt destroyed an eighty-gallon still at Hub, N. C., and 1,000 gallons of beer were also taken.

Gorton's minstrel showed to a large audience last evening.

To-morrow the Supreme Court will take up appeals from the Twelth Judicial district. This is the last district on the calendar and it is by long odds the largest. It is expected that all arguments will be heard on cases this week.

The opening of the Railroad shops at Burlington will add 1,000 to the population of the town, it is said.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

Rev. W. C. Norman is assigned to Edenton Street Church, Raleigh, by the Methodist Conference; Rev. J. N. Cole to Trinity Church, Durham; Rev. D. H. Tuttle remains at the Central Church, Raleigh.

I. P. Keeler, superintendent of the Street Railway, has resigned and Chas. E. Johnson will likely succeed him.

Mr. Julian S. Carr has determined to sell his thoroughbred horses. They will be shipped to New York with Banks Holt's horses ten days hence and sold at public auction.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington & Weldon R. R.—814 bales cotton, 189 bbls rosin, 29 bbls tar.

Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta R. R.—579 bales cotton, 43 casks spirits turpentine, 213 bbls rosin, 61 bbls tar, 10 bbls crude turpentine.

Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley R. R.—28 bales cotton, 6 casks spirits turpentine, 214 bbls rosin, 41 bbls tar.

Steamer A P Hurt—3 bales cotton, 1 cask spirits turpentine, 55 bbls rosin, 56 bbls tar, 2 bbls crude turpentine.

Steamer Frank Sessoms—4 bales cotton, 10 casks spirits turpentine, 89 bbls rosin, 60 bbls tar.

Total receipts—Cotton, 938 bales; spirits turpentine, 117 casks; rosin, 709 bbls; tar, 247 bbls; crude turpentine, 12 bbls.

Methodist Appointments.

A private telegram received in this city yesterday gives the following appointments made at the session of the North Carolina Annual Conference, which closed yesterday at Elizabeth City, viz:

Grace church—Rev. R. A. Willis.

Fifth Street church—W. L. Cunninggim.

Bladen Street church—T. J. Browning.

Market Street church—T. H. Sutton.

Raleigh, Edenton Street—W. C. Norman.

One Cent a Word.

Hereafter advertisements to go in our "Business Locals" department will be charged one cent per word for each insertion; but no advertisement, however short, will be taken for less than 20 cents.

This is a reduction from former rates and it is also a convenience to advertisers, who can calculate the exact cost of their advertisements, which must be paid for always in advance.

Encyclopedia Britannica.

The STAR Britannica Department is still filling orders for the Encyclopedia Britannica. This is the latest and best edition of this great work. Issued in 25 volumes, bound in cloth or sheep. For full particulars read announcement on third page, or inquire at the STAR office

POPULISTS MAKE TERMS

Republicans Offered Them Solid Inducements—By This Dicker the Republicans Will Be Able to Reorganize the Senate and Every Populist Senator Will Probably Get a Chairmanship as the Price of His Vote.

[*Special Dispatch to the Baltimore Sun.*]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—After all the fine talk of the Senate Populists of their unalterable determination to enter into no alliance with either the Democratic or the Republican side of the chamber, it looks very much as if they had been driving a sharp bargain all around. In the last Congress the Senate Democrats although receiving but little assistance from the Populists, did very well by them in the matter of committees. It has been kept very quiet, but, although it will doubtless be denied, it is a fact that overtures from the Democratic side were made to the Populists at this session, and listened to by the latter—without, however, committing themselves. If by their aid the Republicans were prevented from organizing the Senate the Democrats were quite willing to do much more for them than they did before.

Banking on this, the Populists dickered on the sly with the Republicans, and, it is said, did much better with them than with the Democrats. It is, in fact, the same old story, that when a combine or a deal of any kind is to be made the Republicans always outwit the Democrats. It is said that certain of the Populist Senators were very anxious for certain committee places, and the Republicans promised to gratify them, while the Democrats, as usual, hemmed and hawed. When the list of committees is submitted it is claimed it will disclose the plain evidence of an understanding between the Republicans and the Populists. It is true some of the Republican Senators would have preferred what was suggested a long time since—an amicable division of the patronage of the Senate between their side and the Democrats.

But the new members of the Republican side were not satisfied with this, because it was sure to throw the most of them out in the cold. They set to work on the Populists, and it is through their manipulations, it is said, an understanding was effected. The Populists are so few in number that each one of them could get exactly what he wanted and still enough desirable places be left to go around among all the Republicans. As to the arguments which have been made on the danger of entangling utterances with the Populists the greedy Republicans concluded to take the chances on that.

If there is anything you want, advertise for it. Is there anything you don't want? Advertise it in the Business Locals of the STAR. One cent a word. But no ad. taken for ess than 20 cents. tf

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Wilmington Lodge No. 319, A. F. & A. M.

BRETHREN—Regular monthly communication this (Tuesday) evening at 8 o'clock. Election of Officers. A full attendance is earnestly requested as matters of importance will come up.
Visiting brethren are cordially invited to attend.
dec 17 1t H. G. FENNELL, Secretary.

Morrison's

FINE CANDIES,
CHOCOLATES,
BON BONS,
SELECTED FRUIT.
Try a 5c package of Tenney's Cream Chocolate. dec 17 tf

For Sale.

150 ACRES OF LAND, BELOW THE CITY of Wilmington (on the south) known as the "Henry Dudley" tract, or "Greenfield," with a front on the Cape Fear river, running east to the southern edge of Greenfield Mill Pond. There is no land within a radius of 20 miles of Wilmington better adapted to the business of Trucking, Fruit, or Vineyard, than this is. Price very low. Apply to
CRONLY & MORRIS,
dec 17 1t Real Estate Agents.

$5.00 Reward.

The above reward will be paid for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of the party who stole a Marechal Neil Rose Bush from my premises on Sixth street, between Princess and Chesnut.
dec 14 3t WM. GOODMAN.

OPERA HOUSE,

THURSDAY, DEC. 19th.

Minnie Maddern Fiske

and her admirable Company will present the Powerful Drama entitled,

"The Queen of Liars."

Sale of Seats begin Tuesday morning. su tu th dec 15

NORTH CAROLINA, } Superior Court.
NEW HANOVER COUNTY.

BY VIRTUE AND IN PURSUANCE OF A decree of the Superior Court of New Hanover County, made in an action therein pending, wherein Junius Davis, Receiver, is plaintiff, and A. B. Cook et al. are defendants, the undersigned Commissioner, duly appointed by said decree, will sell at public auction for cash, at the Court House door in the City of Wilmington, on Monday, the 20th day of January, A. D., 1896 at 12 o'clock m., the following described real estate in the said City of Wilmington: Beginning at the southeastern intersection of Front and Castle streets, and running thence eastwardly along the southern line of said Castle street 220 feet, thence southwardly across lots 1 and 2, block 75, to the northern line of Lot 3, in said block, 188 feet. Thence along said line westwardly to the eastern line of Front street 220 feet. Thence along said line northwardly 188 feet to the beginning, the same being the western two-thirds of Lots 1 and 3, in Block 74, according to the official plan of the City of Wilmington.
HERBERT MCCLAMMY,
dec 17 4t tu Commissioner.

Butter, Butter.

25 small tubs Butter.
50 bags Water Ground Meal.
150 barrels Mullets.
25 boxes Mixed Nuts.
25 bags C. C. Nuts.
100 boxes and tubs Candy.
25 barrels Ginger Cakes.
140 boxes Crackers.
200 boxes Smoked Herrings.
75 boxes Cheese.
At D. L. GORE'S.
dec 17 tf

On Tuesday, Dec. 17th,

I WILL OPEN FOR INSPECTION MY SELECTION OF

HOLIDAY GOODS.

These goods were selected with great care, and as there are no goods in this market like them it will be well worth your inspection.

JAMES D. NUTT,
dec 15 tf THE DRUGGIST.

GREAT CLEARING SALE

OUR ENTIRE STOCK,

Comprising a Fine Line of

Millinery

—AND—

Fancy Goods,

Dry Goods

—AND—

Notions.

CLOAKS,

Capes, Toys and Holiday Novelties Must Be Sold.

Our reason being that we intend to continue in

Millinery Exclusively,

so shall give our patrons a chance to buy new and desirable goods at COST FOR CASH ONLY.

Don't miss this chance as goods were never before sold at such prices.

TAYLOR'S BAZAAR,
118 Market St.,
dec 18 tf Wilmington, N. C.

It Is Strange

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The Morning Star.

By WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

TUESDAY MORNING, DEC. 17, 1895

SECRETARY CARLISLE'S REPORT

The report of Secretary Carlisle, presented to Congress yesterday, is a voluminous document of 35,000 words, the greater portion of which is devoted to a recapitulation of the reports of the various bureaus of the Treasury Department.

In his review of the operations of the past year he takes occasion to express the opinion that the insufficient income of the Government was not the result of the new tariff, as alleged by its opponents, but mainly of our defective financial system which precipitated upon us troubles and embarrassments from which we have not yet fully recovered but from which we are recovering slowly but steadily. He does not think therefore that there is any need of additional tariff legislation with a view to increasing the revenue, and estimates that with the present indications and prospective increase of customs receipts, there will be a surplus next year of about $7,000,900, but this is on the presumption, of course, of wise and economical legislation, the responsibility for which will rest upon Congress.

Instead of additional tariff legislation, or issuing more credit money, as has been suggested by some, he recommends to guard against contingencies that the Secretaries of the Treasury be authorized to issue, as their judgment and the necessities may suggest, long term gold bonds, at a low rate of interest, not to exceed three per cent., with which to meet the demands on the Treasury and redeem the demand notes, which, he repeats, are the main if not the only cause of embarrassment to the Treasury. He therefore renews the recommendation that steps be taken for the gradual redemption and cancelling of these obligations which, however often they may now be redeemed, still stand as an uncancelled obligation. He here reiterates what he said in his New York Chamber of Commerce speech, that it would cost the Government less to carry these interest-bearing bonds than it does to carry these demand notes, and contends that the deficiency in the circulation caused by retiring them would be amply offset by the influx of capital from abroad, by the increase of circulation by banks and otherwise. But he evidently doesn't anticipate any affirmative action on these lines for some time to come, as he realizes that such a question as the remodelling of the currency will evoke much and protracted discussion.

As one of the means for faciliating the gradual retiring of the greenbacks and the substitution of other currency, he favors an amendment to the national bank act authorizing the banks to issue notes to the full face value of bonds deposited, instead of 90 per cent. as now. He is opposed to the idea of abolishing the national banks which, whatever the objections that may have been or may be made to them, he regards as very useful in supplying the country with a good and acceptable currency, but suggests that the banks be prohibited from issuing any more notes of a less denomination than $10, which would open the way for more silver certificates and a larger use of silver coin. He believes the Government should be relieved from responsibility for the redemption of national bank notes, except worn, mutilated and defaced notes, and the notes of failed banks, and that each association should be required to redeem its circulation at its own office and at agencies to be designated by the Comptroller of the Currency as prior to the act of June 20, 1874; but if this be not considered expedient then the Secretary of the Treasury should have the power, after a future date, to be fixed by law, to require the banks to keep their five per cent. redemption fund in gold coin and to deposit gold coin for the withdrawal of bonds whenever circulation is to be permanently surrendered or reduced.

He makes no reference to State banks.

This is in brief the gist of his recommendations on the financial question.

MINOR MENTION.

There are several bills already introduced in Congress the object of which is to encourage the rebuilding of our merchant marine, some of which present new features, others of which are merely reproductions, with some changes, of bills which have been heretofore introduced and more or less discussed. As we see it all that is necessary to re-establish our merchant marine is to repeal the old navigation laws, which would enable the ship-sailer to buy his ships where he chose and run them under the American flag, and to exempt from tariff tax the material used in building and equipping ships, which would put the American ship builder on the same footing as to material as his most formidable European competitors, and give some advantages, because he has at home a great deal of material which they are compelled to import. This is what the bill of Senator Frye, of Maine, aims at, a feature which should commend it to everyone who takes an interest in and desires to see an American merchant marine worthy of the name. In his last annual report the U. S. Commissioner of Navigation, speaking of the decay of our merchant marine and incidentally contrasting it with that of some other nations, remarks that "the nations which have the ships control the commerce of the world, controlling the commerce of the world control the money of the world, and controlling the money of the world control the world," which is as much truth in as few lines as was ever uttered sinch Noah went sailing.

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Many of the Southern journals in trying to stimulate more interest in the subject of manufactories, but especially cotton factories, are paying some high compliments to the thrift energy and progressiveness of North Carolina, which they hold up as an example for their respective States. As a striking illustration of what the will, energy and perseverance may do they call attention to the steady and rapid growth of the cotton manufacturing industry in this State, which had in 1860 39 mills to the 184 now in operation with 989,093 spindles, 24,624 looms, employing 24,624 operatives, and consuming annually 374,220 bales of cotton. The industry represents a capital of $16,710,000, 93 per cent. of which is home capital. Up to 1880 the increase was small compared with what it has been since, there being nearly four times as many mills now as there were in that year, the number about doubling between 1880 and 1890 and between 1890 and 1895, and still the work of building is briskly going on, several new mills being now in process of erection, some of which will rank among the very best in the country, as to construction and machinery equipment, and yet there are States in which there is more trumpet blowing and pyrotechnics over the erection of one respectable plant than there has been in North Carolina over all this work. We do not realize how we are scudding along ourselves until some industrious fellow gathers the figures and presents us an object lesson.

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It was cruel in the Republicans of the House of Representatives who put Messrs. Call and Barrett, of Massachusetts, up to making asses of themselves in the resolutions they offered in reference to the address delivered in Edinburg by Ambassador Bayard. They had no more idea of instituting impeachment proceedings against him for what they consider the objectionable language used in reference to the protective tariff than they had of performing antics on the dome of the Capitol. All this talk was simply a little cheap politics, and to make some of their unsophisticated constituents believe that Ambassador Bayard had really offered some great affront to his country, when as a matter of fact he simply stated the cold, unvarnished truth, which every candid, disinterested observer of events, or reader of the tariff history of the present generation knows. What gave offence was the speaking of this truth, not in a captious, but in a patriotic spirit, in the presence of an audience in another country, and by a distinguished representative of this country. They may inveigh against the utterance, but they can't successfully question its truthfulness. They may censure him, but censure from such a source under the circumstances would be a compliment.

The great freak in London now is a fellow from Ceylon who barefooted climbs a ladder the rungs of which are sharp edged swords, lies on a plank thickly studded with sharp nails and lets four men sit on him, and rolls himself into a ball, chucks himself into a barrel the staves of which are filled with nails driven through, and lets them roll him around the stage like sixty-a vulcanized rubber fellow, as it were.

According to the New York *World* the street railway stock of that city is very wet, watered to the tune of $53,090,460.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— Congressman Grow has started the cry against the Wilson tariff bill, but the distinguished Pennsylvanian will have a hard time explaining the present prosperous condition of the iron and steel trade in his state. Galusha will need another chance.—*Washington Times Ind.*

—— The meeting in Paris of the delegates of the Bimetallic leagues of Great Britain, France and Germany, and the interest taken in the conference by President Faure, afford encouragement to the intelligent friends of abundant and sound hard money in this country. It is only by international agreement that a larger use of silver can be safely and permanently secured. Our Government should give every encouragement to the movement in Europe, and seek to promote its success in every lawful way.—*New York World Dem.*

—— It is reported from Washington that Secretary Olney has advised or will advise President Crespo, of Venezuela, to refuse to pay the indemnity demanded by Lord Salisbury for the "Uruan incident" until the question of territory is settled. This is the common-sense position to take; but if Crespo acts on Olney's advice, as it is expected that he would, the United States will be involved in the controversy at once, and will have to participate in it as one of the principals. This attitude may have a deterrent effect on England, but it may also necessitate preparations for war on the part of the United States.—*Phil. Ledger, Ind.*

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Murfreesboro *Index*: Miss Lucy Babb, daughter of the late Jno. W. Babb, of Maney's Neck, and sister of our townsman, Mr. J. D. Babb, died last Friday, aged 25 years.

— Statesville *Landmark*: William Nabors, who was filling temporarily the position of night watchman at the Southern Railway station, was shot by a colored man about 4 o'clock Thursday morning, from the effects of which he died.

— Smithfield *Herald*: We hear of a man in Banner township who raised last year 55 barrels corn, 8 bales cotton, 67 gallons syrup, 200 bushels peas and potatoes and 24 head of hogs, all with one mule and with the use of only six bags of fertilizers.

— Winston *Sentenel*: The acetyline gas works, at Spray, Rockingham county, still a tract capitalists and scientists from all over the world. This week two prominent men, one from South America and the other from Canada, were among the visiting investigators.

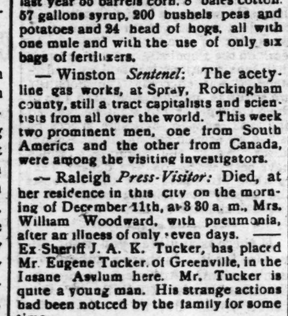
—— Raleigh *Press-Visitor*: Died, at her residence in this city on the morning of December 11th, at 3 30 a. m., Mrs. William Woodward, with pneumonia, after an illness of only seven days. —— Ex Sheriff J. A. K. Tucker, has placed Mr. Eugene Tucker, of Greenville, in the Insane Asylum here. Mr. Tucker is quite a young man. His strange actions had been noticed by the family for some time.

— Salisbury *World*: Mr. E. C. Miller while unwrapping a bunch of bananas this morning came across a large tarantula. He managed to "shoo" it into a vessel and has put it in a bottle for preservation. These deadly reptiles have been discovered in several lots of bananas here recently, but fortunately have always been discovered before they could make their fatal stroke.

— Concord *Standard*: A very distressing death occurred in Coleburg Friday afternoon about 4 o'clock. Caroline Barrier, a feeble colored woman, 78 years of age, with two small children were gathered around the fireside, when a spark popped out and set fire to the old woman's clothes, who was too weak to extinguish it, and while the children ran out and screamed for assistance the poor old woman was burned so terribly that she died within two hours afterwards.

— Windsor *Ledger*: The artesian well up to yesterday evening had been bored 80 feet. About 30 feet from the surface a gum log was struck, and about 35 feet a live cypress tree was bored through. This is evidence of the fact that Windsor is located on made land, that ages ago it was a swamp like those surrounding it. —— Mr. J. W. Dempsey, of Snake Bite, showed us last week a corn-cob shaped like a human left hand, with four fingers, a thumb, and clearly marked veins and muscles. The third finger, as on the hand, was a little the longest; the wrist was about the natural size. Mr. Dempsey will send it to the next fair.

"For Charity Suffereth Long."



Mrs. Laura C. Phoenix, Milwaukee, Wis.

"Matron of a Benevolent Home and knowing the good Dr. Miles' Nervine has done me, my wish to help others, overcomes my dislike for the publicity, this letter may give me. In Nov. and Dec., 1893, *The inmates had the "LaGrippe,"* and I was one of the first. Resuming duty too soon, with the care of so many sick, I did not regain my health, and in a month *I became so debilitated and nervous* from sleeplessness and the drafts made on my vitality, that it was a question if I could go on. A dear friend advised me to try *Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine.* I took 2 bottles and am happy to say, I am in better health than ever. I still continue *its occasional use, as a nerve food,* as my work is very trying. A letter addressed to Milwaukee, Wis., will reach me." June 6, 1894. MRS. LAURA C. PHOENIX.

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Strange Circumstance.

How it Occurred.

Strange tales are common, but when A. F. Stark, Penn Yan, N. Y., states that for fourteen years, on account of nervous prostration, he was unable to write a line, but that two bottles of Dr. Miles Restorative Nervine has made him a new man, though not a young one, as he is 75 years of age, it does indeed seem strange. Nervine also cures all nervous diseases, prostration, sleeplessness, dizziness, headache, fits, insanity, etc. Sold on a positive guarantee. Fine book free at druggists' or of D. Miles Medical Co., Elkhart, Ind.

TWINKLINGS.

— Jerome—What has Strayoff been doing with his eyes to make them look so badly?

Bassett—Seeing the town.—*Puck.*

—"How funny," remarked the Chicago girl, "to think of rehearsing a wedding. We never do such a thing in our town."—*Detroit Tribune.*

— She—How did he enter college? He isn't sixteen yet.

He—No. But he is over six feet, and has a chest measurement of forty inches.—*Life.*

— Caller—And this is the new baby?

Fond Mother—Isn't he splendid?

Caller—Yes, indeed.

Fond Mother—And so bright. See how intelligently he breathes!—*Tit Bits.*

Teacher—Tommy, how dare you waste your drawing paper—covering it with ridiculous pictures?

Tommy—I didn't need the paper to draw on, 'cause I was drawing on my imagination.—*Harper's Round Table.*

—"Do you think it will rain tonight?" asked a citizen of the policeman. "I don't know, sir. I've only been on the force one week," replied the policeman.—*Tit Bits.*

— Teacher—Now suppose there were five boys going skating, and they had only three pairs of skates; how many boys would have to look on?

Boy—I know; the two that got the worst of the fight.—*Harper's Round Table.*

APPOINTMENTS

or Visitations by the Bishop of East Carolina.

Dec 17th—Tuesday—Chocowinity
Beaufort county, Trinity Chapel.
Dec 19th—Thursday—E P—Hamilton, S Martin's.
Dec 22nd—Fourth Sunday in Advent—Gatesville, S Mary's.
Dec 25th—Christmas Day—Gates county, S Peter's.
Dec 26th—Thursday, Festival S Stephen—E P—Murfreesboro, S Barnabas.
Dec 29th—Sunday after Christmas—M P—Roxobel S Mark's.
Dec 29th—Sunday after Christmas—E P—Woodville, Bertie county, Grace church.
Dec 31st—Tuesday—Windsor, S Thomas'.
Jan 1st, 1896—Wednesday—Festival of the Circumcision—E P—Plymouth, Grace Church.
Jan 3d—Friday—Williamston—Church of the Advent.
M P—Morning Prayer. E P—Evening Prayer.
Holy Communion at all morning services.
The children catechized when practicable.
The Vestries will pleased be prepared to meet the Bishop.
Offerings to be for Diocesan Missions.

English Evergreens and Hedges.

A peculiar feature of England, and especially of the southern part of it, is the great variety of evergreens of a hardy nature to be seen on every hand. I do not mean pines, firs and like sorts, but those of the character of the laurel and the rhododendron, broad leaved ones, as they are called. They are everywhere, both as single specimens and hedges. The lawns and pleasure grounds have a dense appearance because of this, which nothing else could give as well. The English laurel is the one usually used for hedges. This is the one known as Cerasus lauro-cerasus. It is not hardy with us, but I am almost sure I have seen it living out at Washington about the capitol grounds. Speaking of hedges, they are almost altogether made of the common hawthorn here, Cratoegus oxyye antha. That is to say, the roadside and division hedges are. But in many of these hedges all sorts of things have found lodgment. The English woodbine, the virgin's bower (Clematis vitalba), elms, maples and oaks sprout up from seeds dropped by birds, and these interlopers give variety and beauty to the long line of hedges. And the English ivy is everywhere, in hedges and up the trees, all tending to break the formality of long lines of hedges.—Isle of Wight Correspondent.

School Board Essays.

At a recent board school examination for girls one of the tasks was an essay on boys, and this was one of the compositions, just as it was handed in, by a girl of 12:

"The boy is not an animal, yet they can be heard to a considerable distance. When a boy hollers, he opens his big mouth like frogs, but girls hold their tongue till they are spoke to, and then they answer respectable and tell just how it was. A boy thinks himself clever because he can wade where it is deep, but God made the dry land for every living thing and rested on the seventh day. When the boy grows up, he is called a husband, and then he stops wading and stays out nights, but the grew up girl is a widow and keeps house."—Bombay Gazette.

Spider's Sight.

Experiments have been made to decide how far spiders can see, and it has been determined that they have a range of vision of at least a foot. It is not always possible to tell, however, whether the lower animals perceive by sight or hearing or by the action air in motion has upon their bodies. Experiments tend to show that mice are sensitive to motions of the air which to human ears create no sound whatever.—Philadelphia Ledger.

And He Howled.

The small boy was playing cowboy, more to his own satisfaction than that of his nervous father.

"I am the Wild Wolf of Bitter creek," he yelled.

"And this is your night to howl," said the exasperated parent, appearing with a strap. And Willie howled.—Cincinnati Tribune.

Worry.

It is not work that kills men. It is worry. Work is healthy. You can hardly put more upon a man than he can bear. Worry is rust upon the blade. It is not the revolution that destroys the machinery, but the friction.—Henry Ward Beecher.

Goethe's Works.

Friedrich Spielhagen, the novelist, delivered the oration at the meeting of the Goethe society at Weimar. He asserted that "Werther" and "Hermann and Dorothea" will survive, whatever becomes of Goethe's other works.

Never judge a man's poker playing abilities by the way he shuffles the cards.—Albany Argus.

Oneida is an Indian word meaning "the people of the beacon stone."

AN INSECT'S QUEER APPETITE.

It Prefers a Diet of Ocean Cables to Anything Else.

A curious fact was brought under the attention of the visitors assembled at the opening of the Telephono Tramk lines. A portion of the cable laid across from Portpatrick to Donaghadee was shown around, and it was pointed out that the five insulated copper wires constituting the core of the cable—the real telegraphic conductor—were incased in a sheathing of brass which had been wound around them in the form of a thin metal tape. The object of this was to protect the gutta percha insulation from the attack of a minute marine organism known as the "gribble." There was a time, of course, when the gribble knew nothing about telegraphic insulating materials, and indeed over a large part of the sea bottom such modern luxuries are quite unknown.

But the era of marine telegraphy seems to have created a new taste in these tiny creatures wherever cables have been laid down, just as animals of larger proportions have acquired the taste for bananas or potted anchovies. They find their way in between the sheathing of strong iron wire and eat through everything in the way of insulating material till they get to the copper inside, when, of course, the water gets in, and the conducting power of the cable is at an end.

The curious fact is that the ravages of the gribble were unknown in the early days of ocean telegraphy, and that this peculiar taste is not only an acquired one, but seems to be extending in just the same way as the acquired tastes of human beings. At present the fashion of gutta percha eating does not go farther north than Portpatrick. But it has long been moving northward and will probably soon be universal. The brass proves an effectual barrier so far, but whether these little denizens of the deep may not by and by find even metal tape a piquant addition to their larder remains to be seen.—London News.

OPERATIC STARS.

Sir Augustus Harris Tells How He Discovers and Secures Them.

During a performance at the Drury Lane theater Sir Augustus Harris had a talk with an interviewer. He explained how he finds his operas and his artistes.

"From every great musical city in the world I receive information as to the operatic discoveries, and I follow them up. No opera singer comes out without getting under my notice or that of my friends. As soon as I receive news of anything I send out to have the information substantiated. I could not myself be all the time looking up every one who is mentioned to me, for many of the reported swans turn out miserable geese. However, I go about once a year to judge for myself on a tour of inspection.

"Then I get all the leading foreign papers and musical publications. Wednesday's Figaro gives you many of the important musical events in all the big cities in Europe, and as soon as that Parisian paper arrives here it is studied and noted. So, you see, immediately I hear of new artistes I know all about them before having to go and hear them. I obtain experts' opinion, find out what price is necessary to secure their services, etc., and then decide. It requires some considerable instinct, for a singer may create a furore on the continent and fall terribly flat when brought over here.

"Of course I hear many, many people sing, but it is a rare thing to find a true artiste. I just sit here and watch and watch. You see my company is different from others. I do not entirely rely on one bright particular star, as was the custom in the past, but I depend on all round excellence."

Human Storage of Caloric.

There is some danger to the novice in going into semitropical regions in being unacquainted with and unprepared for the degree of apparent cold which he is likely to find, to his great surprise. And when he looks at the thermometer he is further surprised to see it so high while his feelings indicate a much lower temperature. He is still more astonished to notice that the natives do not mind the cold that makes the novice shiver. The fact is that, without his necustomed fire and housewarming facilities and subjected to air currents, the practical temperature in its physiological effects is much lower than the thermometer registers.

In Spain, Italy and in general along the Mediterranean shore they have a semitropical climate during eight or nine months of the year, during which time the native inhabitants hold their caloriferic function in reserve, and when they reach their short and moderately cold season they have no difficulty in drawing sufficiently on their reserve heatmaking power. The man from the north has no such reserve, and what he has the temperature is not sufficiently stimulating to call into full activity. He has used up his caloric in the greater cold of the north. People from the extreme south enjoy their first northern winter.—Popular Science Monthly.

Paper.

A prodigious quantity of high class paper having the label "linen" affixed to it has for years been upon the market. It is, of course, the best paper known, but there is really no paper made wholly of linen, excepting as it is produced for special purposes, such as for bonds, etc. The best paper is made of linen and new cotton rags, in about equal proportions. The cleansing of the rags and the bleaching of the pulp nowadays receive extraordinary care—the cleaner the rags the less necessity for chemicals, and, therefore, with new rags, such as clippings of new cloth from factories of certain kinds, the quantity of chemicals needed is insignificant, and these rags, having neither absorbed much of them nor suffered from their action, make of course the best paper, for the failure to remove or "kill" the bleach would injure the paper and have a deleterious effect upon ink. The further, therefore, the material is removed from new, clean rags, the further must be the product from the best writing paper.—New York Sun.

Saving the Fragments.

Chemistry, like a thrifty housewife, economizes every scrap. The horseshoe nails dropped in the streets are carefully collected and reappear as swords and guns. The main ingredient of certain ink was once the broken hoop of an old beer barrel.

The chippings of the traveling tinker are mixed with the parings of horses' hoofs and the worst kinds of woolen rags, and these are worked up into an exquisite blue dye which graces the dress of courtly dames.—Brooklyn Eagle.

A Possible Clew.

Cleverton (meditatively)—I wonder how long a man can live on his credit.

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BAGGING—			
2-lb Jute		@	5¼
Standard		7¼@	6¼
WESTERN SMOKED—			
Hams ₩ lb		13½@	14
Sides ₩ lb		7¼@	7¾
Shoulders ₩ lb		6 @	6½
DRY SALTED—			
Sides ₩ lb		7¼@	5¾
Shoulders ₩ lb		5½@	5
BARRELS—Spirits Turpentine—			
Second-hand, each		@	1 10
New New York, each		1 35 @	1 40
New City, each		@	1 40
BEESWAX ₩ lb		26 @	27
BRICKS—			
Wilmington, ₩ M		6 50 @	7 00
Northern		9 00 @	14 00
BUTTER—			
Northern, ₩ lb		15	
North Carolina		23 @	
CORN MEAL—			
Per bushel, in sacks		@	45
Virginia Meal		50 @	45
COTTON TIES—₩ bundle		@	85
CANDLES—₩ lb—			
Sperm		18 @	25
Adamantine		9 @	10
CHEESE—₩ lb—			
Northern Factory		10 @	11
Dairy, Cream		11 @	12
State		@	10
COFFEE—₩ lb—		27 @	28
Laguyra		20 @	23
Rio		18½@	20
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting, 4-4, ₩ yard		7@	8¾
Yarns, ₩ bunch		18 @	20
EGGS—₩ dozen		10 @	10¾
FISH			
Mackerel, No. 1, ₩ barrel		22 00 @	30 00
Mackerel, No. 1, ₩ half-barrel		11 00 @	15 00
Mackerel, No. 2 ₩ barrel		16 00 @	18 00
Mackerel, No. 2 ₩ half-barrel		8 00 @	9 00
Mackerel, No. 3, ₩ barrel		13 00 @	14 00
Mullets, ₩ barrel		3 25 @	3 50
Mullets, ₩ pork barrel		5 00 @	5 50
N. C. Roe Herring ₩ keg		3 00 @	3 25
Dry Cod, ₩ lb		5 @	10
" Extra		3 25 @	3 50
FLOUR—₩ barrel—			
Low grade		@	3 00
Choice		2 75 @	3 00
Straight		3 75 @	3 85
First Patent		@	4 25
GLUE—₩ lb		5¾@	10
GRAIN—₩ bushel—			
Corn, from store, bags—White		48½@	45
Corn, cargo, in bulk—White		47½@	40
Corn, cargo, in bags—White		47½@	45½
Oats, from store		@	35
Oats, Rust Proof		@	45
Cow Peas		50 @	60
HIDES, ₩ lb—			
Green		@	6
Dry		@	8
HAY, ₩ 100 lbs—			
Eastern		@	1 00
Western		@	90
North River		@	85
HOOP IRON, ₩ lb		2 @	3¼
LARD, ₩ lb—			
Northern		5½@	6
North Carolina		6 @	10
LIME, ₩ barrel			1 25
LUMBER(city sawed) ₩ M feet—			
Ship Stuff, resawed		18 00 @	20 00
Rough-Edge Plank		15 00 @	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality		13 00 @	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned		18 00 @	22 00
Scantling and Board, common		14 00 @	15 00
MOLASSES, ₩ gallon—			
New Crop, in hhds		@	22
" in bbls		@	25
Porto Rico, in hhds		35 @	27½
" in bbls		25 @	30
Sugar-House, in hhds		13 @	14
" in bbls		@	15
Syrup, in bbls		18 @	26
NAILS, ₩ keg, Cut: 60d basis		@	2 30
PORK, ₩ barrel—			
City Mess		10 50 @	10 50
Rump		@	10 00
Prime		@	10 00
ROPE, ₩ lb		10 @	22
SALT ₩ sack, Alum		@	75
Liverpool		@	65
Lisbon		@	
American		@	65
on 125 ₩ Sacks		40 @	45
SHINGLES 7-inch, ₩ M		5 00 @	7 00
Cummins		3 00 @	3 50
Cypress Sap		4 50 @	5 00
Cypress Hearts		@	7 50
SUGAR, ₩ lb—Standard Gran'd		5¾@	5
Standard A		@	4¾
White Ex. C		@	4¾
Extra C, Golden		4 @	4¼
C, Yellow		@	3¾
SOAP, ₩ lb—Northern		5¾@	
STAVES, ₩ M—W. O. Barrel		8 00 @	14
R. O. Hogshead		@	12 00
TIMBER, A M feet—Shipping		10 @	9 00
Mill, Prime		00 @	7 00
Mill, Fair		5 50 @	4 50
Common Mill		4 00 @	3 50
Inferior to Ordinary		3 00 @	3 00
TALLOW, ₩ lb		5 @	
WHISKEY, ₩ gallon—Northern		1 06 @	1 12
North Carolina		1 00 @	2
WOOL, ₩ lb—Washed		14 @	
Clear of burr		12½@	
Burry		@	

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 16.

NAVAL STORES

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.—Quoted firm at 25 cents per gallon for country and 25¼ cents for machine—made casks.

ROSIN—Market firm at $1 35 per bbl for Strained and $1 40 for Good Strained.

TAR.—Market steady at $1 00 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Market quoted on Change steady at $1 10 for Hard, $1 50 for Yellow Dip and $1 60 for Virgin. Inspectors quote Hard at $1 30, Virgin and Yellow Dip $1 60.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine 24½c; rosin, strained $0 95; good strained $1 00; tar $0 95; crude turpentine $1 10, 1 50, 1 70.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	59
Rosin	709
Tar	247
Crude Turpentine	12

Receipts same day last year—69 casks spirits turpentine, 865 bbls rosin, 267 bbls tar, 47 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON MARKET.

Steady on a basis of 8c for Middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	5⅝	cts ₩ lb
Good Ordinary	6⅞	" "
Low Middling	7 9-16	" "
Middling	8	" "
Good Middling	8 5-16	" "

Same day last year, middling 5¼c.

Receipts—928 bales; same day last year 2,874.

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

FINANCIAL.

NEW YORK, December 16.—Evening—Money on call was quoted at 1½@2½ last loan at 2 and closing offered at 2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper was 4½@5½ per cent. Sterling exchange steady; actual business in bankers' bills 487½@487¾ for sixty days and 488¼@488¾ for demand. Commercial bills 486½@487¼. Government bonds firm: United States coupon fours 113¾; United States twos 97. State bonds dull; North Carolina fours 104; North Carolina sixes 124. Railroad bonds were higher.

Silver at the Stock Exchange to-day was quiet.

COMMERCIAL.

NEW YORK, December 16—Evening—Cotton dull; middling gulf 8 13-16c; middling 8 9-16c.

Cotton futures closed quiet and steady; December 8 23, January 8 28, February 8 28; March 8 33; April 8 38, May 8 42, June 8 45, July 8 46, August 8 47, September 8 18, October 8 07, November 8 08. Sales 120,000 bales.

Cotton—net receipts 1,891 bales; gross 6,300 bales; exports to Great Britain —— bales; to France 538 bales; to the Continent 2,884 bales; forwarded 1,878 bales; sales — bales, sales to spinners — bales; stock (actual) 183 903 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts 43,659 bales; exports to Great Britain 389 bales, to France 9 099 bales; to the Continent 3,334 bales; stock 1,005 007 bales.

Total since September 1—Net receipts 2,961,875 bales; exports to Great Britain 837,588 bales; exports to France 254 107 bales; exports to the Continent 716,388 bales.

NEW YORK, December 16—Flour was quoted quiet and very steady; winter wheat, low grades $2 25@2 65; fair to fancy $2 65@3 80; patents $3 45@3 75 Minnesota clear $2 50@3 10; patents $3 15@4 10, low extra $2 25@2 65; city mills $3 90@4 00; to patents 4 00@4 25; Southern dull but steady, common to extra fair $2 10@2 80; good to choice $2 90@3 00 Wheat—spot fairly active, easier; No 2 red in store and at elevator 69½c; afloat 71c; options were fairly active, closing steady at ⅛@⅜c decline; No. 2 red January 65⅝c, February 65½c; March 67¼cc; May 66¼c; July 66¼c. December 65½c. Corn dull and easier; No. 2 at elevator 33½@33¾c; afloat 34¾c, options were dull but steady at ⅛@¼c decline, December 33⅝c; January 33¾c; May 34⅝c; July 35½c. Oats—spot cull but steady; options dull and easier; December 23¾c; January 23¾c; May 24¼, July 24¼; spot—No. 2 23½c; No 2 white 24½c; mixed Western 23@24c Hay firm with a good demand; spring 70@75c; good to choice 90c@$1 00. Wool quiet and firm; domestic fleece 16@32c; pulled 15@34c. Beef quiet, steady, family 10 00@11 50, extra mess $7 50@8 00; beef hams dull at $15 00@15 50, tierced beef was firmer; city extra India mess $15 50@17

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The Morning Star.

WINTER'S WARNING.

Is that a bluebird's notes I hear?"
Gasps winter, paralyzed with fear.
"Ye gods, then I'm a goner!
To me 'tis like a funeral knell.
Now death for me, I know full well,
Waits just around the corner.

"No use to talk. I know I'm downed.
A violet's already crowned
The spring's reluctant coming.
The earth will have her jubilees,
And soon with drowsy hum of bees
She'll happily be humming.

"'Neath many a chill, white coverlet
E'en now the modest flowers may fret
To meet Apollo's glances,
While in her dreams each daffodil,
Forgetting she's a prisoner still,
With zephyr gayly dances.

"Now, though she wisely wears her furs,
In the glad sunshine all but purrs
The soft, gray pussy willow,
And soon, howe'er wild winds may rave,
The grasses their green sea will wave
In billow upon billow.

"While to his health now offers up
The crocus her gold loving cup
That floral Tommy Atkins,
The jonquil, thrusts his bayonet through
The earthworks, winks and queries, 'Who
Says I'm behind the catkins?'

"All silently, with shining blades,
A mighty host the land invades,
And every quiet corner
Mutely proclaims old winter's death,
While timid spring with every breath
Foretells the reign of summer."
—Mary Norton Bradford in Boston Globe.

A SPHINX AMONG PORTRAITS.

Only a Woman's Face With a Subtle, Undefined Expression.

Everybody who visits Paris and cares at all for art goes to the Louvre and seeks first the "Mona Lisa." She is easy enough to find, for any guard will direct you to the room where she is at once distinguished by the easels and tourists surrounding her. Of course you will seek her with great expectation, for to you she is a youthful ideal about to be realized. You have known of her as long ago as you can remember. Descriptions of the paintings in the Louvre usually begin with the "Mona Lisa." De Maurier himself has lately made her shine anew in the borrowed light of "Peter Ibbetson," and "those remote acquaintances" who have just returned from Europe and know nothing whatever of art invariably gush over this "rare masterpiece of Leonardo da Vinci," in exact proportion to the three stars which Baedeker has put before it.

Your first impressions of the picture will depend upon your own temperament or "way of looking at things." Hence to some it is a disappointment, to others a fascination. Under the shadow of Murillo's huge "Immaculate Conception" it seems much smaller than it really is, and like Leonardo's other great picture, in Milan, the colors are faded and the outlines here and there almost gone. It represents a woman's face and upper figure against a background of rocky landscape. The hair, held in place by a band at the forehead, falls loosely each side of the head. The eyes look sidewise into yours, and the mouth wears a very peculiar expression. Indeed it is this peculiar expression which individualizes the whole countenance and stamps the picture as remarkable.

"What a crafty smile!" exclaimed an English lady near me. "Exactly as I fancy Becky Sharp's to have been."

Thus to the woman of the world the "Mona Lisa" represents the woman of the world, crafty and designing. To others, the prim picture, the staidly crossed hands, contrasting with the upward lines of the mouth, indicate suppressed mirthfulness, one who enjoys perhaps a subtle joke and to whom life itself is more or less a comedy.

To others still those deep eyes and that mysterious mouth attest a profoundly spiritual nature, which can distinguish between realities and illusions and can force a half pitying, half cynical smile for her foolish fellow creatures. Of all the artists who set their easels before this famous old lady, give the world unwarrantable copies of her, probably not one pretends to understand her truly. In addition to her titles of "Mona Lisa" and "La Joconde" she might as appropriately be known as the "Mysterious Lady." The "Mona Lisa" is to art history what Shakespeare's sonnets are to romantic history, the Man with the Iron Mask to tragic history—an unsolvable problem.—Batavia (N. Y.) News.

A RAPID DRESSER.

This New York Society Man Can Do the Lightning Change Act.

The man who thinks he is a rapid dresser was in a cafe at Broadway and Twenty-sixth street with half a dozen friends at 6 p. m. He was in afternoon dress. Being invited to stroll down the street, he answered that he was afraid he did not have time, as he had a 7 o'clock dinner engagement and must go home "in a few minutes to dress."

"I should think," said one of the party, "that if you had far to go you would be late to your engagement as it is."

"Oh, no," answered the other. "It's true that I shall have to go to Fifty-ninth street to dinner, but I have ample time."

"Well," said another, "if I had a 7 o'clock dinner engagement, I certainly should not be sitting here at 6 I'd be home dressing."

"I'll tell you what I'll do," said the rapid dresser. "I live at Fifth avenue and Twenty-seventh street. I'll bet you that I leave here now, go home and dress, come back here, take a drink with you all, walk to the nearest elevated station—three blocks—go to Fifty-eighth street, walk two blocks to the house where I dine, all within ten minutes before 7 o'clock."

"I'll not take the bet," was the reply, "but I don't see how it can be done. Why, you will need half an hour at the least to dress. I require nearer an hour."

"I'll make you another proposition, then," said the "lightning change" man. "I'll bet you that I walk home from here, dress, come back here and join you before 25 minutes past 6 o'clock, and it's now eight minutes past the hour."

"Done!" cried the other, and the rapid dresser immediately left the cafe.

"I guess I've won that bet," said the taker, glancing confidently at the clock.

"I guess you haven't," said another one of the group. "Jack can dress in ten minutes on a pinch. It will take him not more than four, possibly only three, minutes for him to walk to his home and back here. Give him four for walking and 11 for dressing, and he still has a leeway of two minutes. Wait and see!"

At 23 minutes past, 6 o'clock the fast dresser strolled into the cafe. He was in full evening dress, his hair carefully and smoothly plastered, his tie fastened and set to perfection, and his whole appearance that of a man who had a lot of time to kill.

"Guess I won the bet," he said coolly, drawing a chair to the table and removing his gloves.—New York Tribune.

A Spool of Thread.

To make a spool of thread, says a manufacturer, is a complicated process. Only the very best Sea Island cotton can be used for this purpose. The cotton is taken in the raw state and torn all to pieces by a machine called a "breaker." It then goes through several other machines by which it is carefully combed and freed from impurities. A machine called a "slipper" takes it up and twists it out into soft white yarn. This is carefully combed again, and it is taken into another department, where several small strands of this yarn are twisted into one fine one. Three of these are twisted together, and you then have six cord thread, which, after it is bleached, is ready for the market. Another interesting thing is the numbering of thread. Every woman knows the size of the thread that she requires for doing a certain piece of work, but very few of them know how it came to be so numbered. You see, when cotton thread was first made, 840 yards of it weighed one pound. This was called No. 1, and if a pound contained just twice this number of yards it was called No. 2, and so on.—Brooklyn Eagle.

At the altitude of 12 miles the atmosphere has a density of about one-tenth that of the surface—that is, the barometer would stand at about three inches.

Bering strait was named by Captain Cook in honor of Ivan Ivanovitch Behring, or Bering.

SEA LIONS KNOW A GOOD THING.

How One of Them Carried Some Cheerful News to His Fellows.

Once upon a time Lake Merced stood high in the estimation of the city anglers. It was accessible and didn't require much influence to cast a line in its waters. Big fish lingered among the weedy depths and browsed along the sandy shores on the western end. Cornelius Stagg then kept a roadhouse opposite the old race track, and there was a good dinner for the belated angler under his roof and a good bed. Scott Tidball, the artist; John Adams and dozens of worthy fishermen since departed have swung their rods over the ripples of Merced and compared notes around the blazing fire at night and were perhaps as boastful and mendacious as the anglers of the generation that succeeded them.

The trout era passed away and was followed by an epoch of carp. Those mud grubbers fattened on the bordering grasses and led a life of undisturbed and ignominious indolence. Nobody wanted them at any price, and the barnacles grew upon the elders of the gang from simple and unbroken laziness. Then another change took place, and the fish commissioners announced that they were going to put muskellunge in the lake. A month or so afterward they did, and it was supposed that the reign of the carp was over, and that those ferocious fresh water sharks would completely exterminate them.

A sagacious sea lion felt recently that there must be something worth seeing beyond the neighborhood of the Cliff House and Sutro heights. So he made a journey to Lake Merced and found the water and the surroundings congenial. He tasted the carp and approved of their flavor, and being a genial and generous lion he returned to the seal rocks and told his chums where he had been and what he had seen. An excursion party, consisting of a select number of gentlemen and lady marine lions, was at once organized, and on a fine moonlight night the band started for Merced. Everything was just as the pioneer had represented, and a brilliant season of feeding and general enjoyment was inaugurated.

About this time the Spring Valley company drew a net across the lake to see how the muskellunge were getting on. The sea lions, now permanent residents of the lake, laughed heartily at the experiment and waved their flappers to the fishermen to encourage them to keep on with their nets and let them know how many muskellunge were left, for the muskellunge had got to the last dozen or so of carp when the sea lions came in, and the sea lions had done up the muskellunge when the experimental nets were cast. Nothing but a few catfish and stickleback now remain in Lake Merced. —San Francisco Bulletin.

It Was True.

An Oil City gentleman, who, like many others, is fond of fishing for trout, had nearly finished a long day's tramp on a stream which was strewn with cut poles, bait boxes and other evidences of the native angler.

He had noticed, but ignored, an occasional sign tacked to a tree of "No fishing on this stream," not allowing the weather stained admonitions to interfere with what little enjoyment he was getting. The day was nearly over, and he was nearing the mouth of the stream when he was hailed by a resident of a neighboring farmhouse.

"Hello, cap'n!"

"Well?"

"Ye been fishin up there?"

"Yes."

"Can ye read?"

"Yes."

"Did ye see that sign tellin ye there's no fishin up here?"

"Yes, and it's true too."

Then the tired sportsman stepped on to inspect a likely hole, and it wasn't until after he had put on a fresh bait that the light seemed to break upon the farmer's understanding, who grunted and faced about for home.—Oil City Blizzard.

CONTEMPT WORSE THAN CRIME.

An Australian Judge and How He Maintained the Dignity of His Court.

The stories of early Australian judges are numerous and incredible. The following incident, which is vouched for as a fact, is of a judge who had a very lofty idea of his own legal capacity and was, at the same time, anxious to sustain the dignity of his court. A "shooting case" came before him. There was no direct evidence as to the perpetrator of the murder, but the individual arrested was well known and indeed confessed the deed.

When brought into court, the judge cautioned the prisoner that he must remember his rights as a free citizen, and that, above all things, he must not interrupt the proceedings of the court. After this friendly warning the judge proceeded to state that he (the prisoner) was accused of having on such a date shot the deceased.

Upon this the prisoner broke in, "Well, and so I did."

The judge was annoyed at the interruption.

"Hold your tongue, sir!" he exclaimed. "Haven't I told you not to commit yourself nor interrupt me? I shall commit you for contempt of court if you do so again!" he added sternly.

He then repeated the accusation, upon which the prisoner broke in:

"I have told ye afore that I killed"—

The judge's indignation was intense at this second interruption, and he demanded, "Mr. Sheriff, what is your evidence?"

I have nothing but circumstantial evidence, your honor, and the prisoner's own confession."

"Then," said the judge, "I discharge the prisoner on this accusation, but commit him for contempt of court."—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Whittier Saw Little of the World.

Whittier was the only one of the leading American authors who never crossed the Atlantic. Not only did he never go to Europe, he never went south of the Potomac or west of the Alleghanies. When the farm at Haverhill was sold in 1836, part of the price was used to buy a small place at Amesbury, and that house was Whittier's home for more than half a century. After his return from Philadelphia in 1839 he was rarely absent from Amesbury for more than a month or two at a time, although he did once reside the better part of a year in Lowell. He made visits to Boston often and sometimes even to New York, and frequently he spent his summers elsewhere, but until his death his home was the little house at Amesbury.—Professor Brander Matthews in St. Nicholas.

A Hopeless Case.

Walk O. Nights—Doctor, what is a simple remedy for sleeplessness?

Doctor—Let the person count till he falls asleep.

Walk O. Nights—He can't count. It's the baby.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Sale of Unclaimed Freight!

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1895.

Sale Beginning at 10.30 A. M.

CONSIGNEE.	DESTINATION.	DATE REC'D.	ARTICLES.
G S Jones,	Wilmington, N C,	March 4th, 1894,	1 Box Flour.
C H Richbuck r,	"	July 19th, 1893,	1 C C stoves, 1 Bdl Tents, 1 Bdl Stools
R C Stockton,	"	Aug 26th, "	6 Pieces Metal, 1 Bdl Books
W W Doyle,	"	Aug 9 h, 1890,	1 Trunk
M s Carry Moore,	"	Nov 21st, "	1 Box Pepper
Gleavet h'dw Co,	"	March 5 th, 1891,	1 Guano Distributor
"	"	Apri 30 h, "	10 "
D N Chadwick	"	Oct 15th, "	2 Boxes Jugs
"	"	Oct 22nd, "	1 "
"	"	Nov 3 d, "	1 "
Cannon & Walker,	"	Nov 10th, "	4 Boxes Drugs
Jas Williamson,	"	June 22th, "	1 Box Books
J Pennington,	"	April 6th, 1895,	13 Mt Egg Crates
Henry Williams,	"	June 18 h, 1892,	1 Box Clothing
W m Gre . & Co,	"	" ov 24th, "	1 C Almanacs
D N Chadwick,	"	Ju e 29th, 1893,	1 Box Jugs
Gov N Camp,	"	Ju y 30 h, 1892,	1 Keg Powder
D A Sutton,	"	June 2nd, 1891,	4 Cr s Child Chairs (1 Bdl)
Peiter & Selecman,	"	March, 1893,	1 " Ice Frames
J R Robins,	"	May 2 nd, 1893,	1 Box Needles
W R Ward,	"	Feb 25th, "	10 " Drugs
W Perin,	"	April 11th, 1892,	1 Keg Cider
J A Johnson,	"	Jan 5th, 18 3,	5 C M Killer and 1 C Books
Circle N	"	"	8 C Potash
Circle N	"	"	3 C Lye
Rio Mark	"	"	2 Bbl Molasses
"	"	"	25 Sacks Corn
Diamond C,	"	"	6 Boxes crackers
No Mark,	"	"	1 Bbl Starch
"	"	"	8 C canned Goods
"	"	"	Bars of old iron
"	"	"	T e e shoulders
"	"	"	1 Box H H Goods & 1 cot & easel
Acme M'f'g Co,	"	"	1 Crate Machinery
Diamond S,	"	"	1 Bale Fibre
Diamond S,	"	"	1 Bbl Paint (Part full)
No Mark,	"	"	1 B x Lamp chimneys
B,	"	"	8 Bbls Oil (Partly full)
T M Emerson,	"	"	13 C B Powder
No Mark,	"	"	1 Box L Tobacco
"	"	"	1 Bag sugar
Mrs Annie Green, care of Fanny Hoore, Far Heel, N C,	"	"	1 Mt Trunk
Mr. Frank Andrews, care of Hall & P,	"	"	1 "
E L Cox, Jacksonvil'e, N C,	"	"	1 C M Goods
W J Brooks, Tub Landing, N C,	"	"	1 Box Pat Medicine
A J Herring, care of G F Aldrman,	"	"	1 " Mdse
No Mark,	"	"	1 Box Mdse
"	"	"	1 B x Canned Milk
W Rutland (from N D Robery)	"	"	1 Box Pickles
No Mark	"	"	1 Box Hats and Shoes
J C Gibson,	"	"	1 Box Box C Gum
No Mark,	"	"	1 Box Coffin Trimmings
"	"	"	1 Box Canned Goods
"	"	"	8 Bols Plow castings
"	"	"	1 Bdl Hoes
Williamson & McCu'lock, White Oak, N C,	"	"	4 Plow beams & 1 Plow handle
No Mark,	"	"	1 Box c'ock, 3 box pat medicine
"	"	"	1 Bag beans
J Gratz & J W Batchelor,	"	"	1 B x Mdse
No Mark,	"	"	1 Box Mdse
"	"	"	1 Bdl Dry Goods
"	"	"	3 Crs (15 boxes) crackers
"	"	"	1 Bol blankets
"	"	"	1 Box shoes
"	"	"	2 Bdl (2 doz) Wash Boards
"	"	"	1 Box Lamp chimneys
M & C,	Wilmington, N C,	do	1 B Demijohns
R. W. Hicks,	"	do	1 Crib (in 8 pa)
No mark,	"	do	1 Bdl Furniture
"	"	do	1 Bdl Hardware
Nannie Proctor, care of J.K. Proctor, Berkley, Va,	"	do	9 Buckets, 1 and
No mark.	"	do	1 Sack coffee,
"	"	do	1 Sack bacon,
Diamond H,	"	do	1 Bdl wood trays,
Diamond D, Charlotte, N C,	"	do	1 Lot of old furniture,
W	"	do	4 Kegs nails,
I C Craft,	"	do	1 Trunk.
O N, R H Grant,	"	do	6 Iron tea kettles,
J B Turner,	"	do	1 Bdl baking pans,
D W Ryan,	"	do	6 Canned tomatoes,
A J Howard,	"	do	3 C baking powder,
J A Dixon,	"	do	8 C
"	"	July 15, 1893,	1 Package glass,
Bowdin & Kelley,	"	Nov 8, 1890,	1 Box 1 Fetty,
"	"	March 8, 1894,	1 Bol paint,
Diamond S W Co,	"	April 17, 1893,	1 b x clo,
J. Hanby & Co,	do	Aug 28, 1893,	1 Box D Apparatus,
W T Williams,	do	Dec 30 1893,	1 Wagon and 4 wheels,
Mrs A E McLaughlin,	do	do	9 Axles, 1 tongue, 1 S tree, 1 coupling,
J G Odenheimle,	do	Feb 8, 18 4,	½ bl oil
Sol Peaves,	do	Jan 3, 1894,	½ Bl oil,
C S S hu kin,	do	June 4, 1894,	Bdl paper.
Jas Pickets,	do	March 3, 1894,	1 box notions,
W E Springer & Co,	do	April 18; 18 4,	1 cuph ard,
W M Mann,	do	March 7, 1890,	Bbl Vinegar,
J O Dunkley,	do	Jan 18; 1890,	½ Bbl cider,
J D Leonard,	do	March 28, 1892,	1 Bbl cider,
J T Bryant,	do	Aug 3 ; 1893,	1 Box nds,
Mamres Bros,	do	Aug 19; 1889,	1 Bdl galv iron,
J G Saldrow,	do	Sept 23; 1889,	1 C o hes,
A W Whitney,	do	Dec 7 1892,	1 Box seed,
J A Hewlett,	do	June 2; 1890,	1 Bls matting,
Johnson & Co,	do	June 19; 1890,	1 Box Veg,
W R venbark,	do	Oct 18, 1893,	1 C paper,
J Pearsall	do	Oct 27; 1890,	1 Box Dye wood,
W A McKinnon,	Wadesboro, N C,	Dec 23, 1889,	2 Sacks corn,
Alex & Cop,	do	Jul. 11; 1894,	1 Iron safe,
Smith & D,	do	Feb 9; 1893,	16 Mt egg cases,
J H Morton,	do	June 2; 1890,	3 Mt egg cases,
Jesse & Allen,	do	June 8, 1894,	4 Mt egg cases,
J T Dunlap,	do	Feb 26, 1894,	Sash weights,
C Patterson,	do	March 9; 1894,	1 Keg cider, ½ bbl vinegar,
F W Wagenor & Co,	Wadesboro, N C	May 27; 1891,	1 Box skeins,
Mamie Crawford,	"	Dec 17 1891,	1 sack nuts,
J H Kendall,	"	June 28, 1893,	1 Keg Wine,
W S Little,	"	May 9, 1891,	10 sacks cotton seed,
C S Wheeler,	"	July 14; 1894,	1 Pkg paper,
"	"	Aug 6; 1894,	2 Bdls rias,
"	"	Nov 27, 1894,	1 Box Household goods,
Smith & D,	"	April 3, 1894,	1 Box drugs,
"	"	Jan 3, 1894,	1 Piece grate
Sam Brown,	L'ke Waccamaw, NC	Feb 8, 1893,	1 Iron safe,
J D Ma toly,	Whiteville, N C,	" 1893,	1 Cott n gin,
Dr F Mc anac,	"	" 18:9,	4 Cabi nets,
D H Smith,	"	"	Lot of brick,
A H Harrison,	"	Nov 18, 1893,	1 Trunk,
D McLean,	Rowland, N C,	Aug 11 1894,	1 Hoop machine,
S J Smith	"	March 13, 1894,	1 Guano Distributor,
Ward bro & Co,	"	Dec, 1894,	1 Stack cutter,
D N Oliver & Co,	"	"	1 bolt ing,
J C McClemen,	"	Jan 2, 1892;	Iron pulley,
D N Oliver & Co,	"	Sept 13 18 4,	4 Grate bars,
"	"	Jan 2, 1894,	2 Coops,
"	"	Jan 8, 18 4,	1 Carriage, 1 pc shaft, 4 wheels
"	"	Dec 21, 1893,	1 Guano dis ributor,
"	"	Feb 7, 1894,	3 Pumps,
"	"	Dec, 1894,	1 Case glass.

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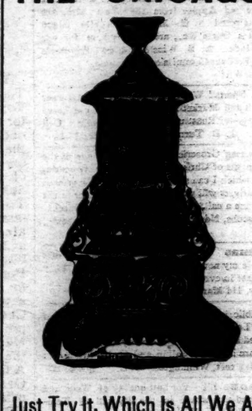

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DAILY 7.00 P M — No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.30 p m, Warsaw 8.43 p m, Goldsboro 9.16 p m, Wilson 10.33 p m, †Tarboro 6.58 a m, Rocky Mount 11.05 a m, Weldon 1.01 a m, †Norfolk 10.25 a m, Petersburg 2.37 a m, Richmond 3.40 a m, Washington 7.00 a m, Baltimore 8.33 a m, Philadelphia 10.46 a m, New York 1.33 p m, Boston 8.30 p m.

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DAILY 3.30 P M — No. 35—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 4.45 p m, Chadbourn 5.19 p m, Marion 6.39 p m, Florence 7.10 p m, Sumter 8.48 p m, Columbia 10.10 p m, Denmark 6.30 a m, Augusta 8.00 a m, Macon 11.00 a m, Atlanta 12.15 p m, Charleston 11.15 p m, Savannah 1.19 a m, Jacksonville 7.55 a m, St. Augustine 10.15 a m, Tampa 6.00 p m.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 5.45 P M — No. 49—Passenger—Leave Boston 1.00 p m, New York 9.00 p m, Philadelphia 12.03 a m, Baltimore 2.55 a m, Washington 4.20 a m, Richmond 9.00 a m, Petersburg 10.00 a m, Norfolk 8.40 a m, Weldon 11.52 a m, Tarboro 12.20 p m, Rocky Mount 1.05 p m, Wilson 2.10 p m, Goldsboro 3.10 p m, Warsaw 4.09 p m, Magnolia 4.16 p m.

DAILY 40.00 a m — No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12.05 p m, New York 9.30 a m, Philadelphia 12.09 a m, Baltimore 2.35 p m, Washington 5.48 p m, Richmond 7.30 p m, Petersburg 8.18 p m, †Norfolk 3.10 p m, Weldon 9.44 p m, †Tarboro 5.58 p m, Rocky Mount 5.45 p m, leave Wilson 6.30 a m, Goldsboro 7.05 a m, Warsaw 8.02 a m, Magnolia 8.15 a m.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 11 50 a m — No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 8.50 a m, Sanford 1.00 p m, Jacksonville 6.30 p m Savannah 12.10 night, Charleston 4.12 a m, Columbia 5.30 a m, Atlanta 7.15 a m, Macon 9.00 a m, Augusta 9.25 p m, Denmark 4.17 p m, Sumter 6.45 a m, Florence 8.25 a m, Marion 9.06 a m, Chadbourn 10.10 a m, Lake Waccamaw 10.30 a m.

†Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 3.55 p m, Halifax 4.13 p m, arrive Scotland Neck 5.05 p m, Greenville 6.47 p m, Kinston 7 45 p m. Returning, leaves Kinston 7 20 a m, Greenville 8.28 a m, Arriving Halifax at 11 00 a m, Weldon 11.20 a m, daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 7.00 a. m., arrive Parmele 8.40 a. m., Tarboro 10 a m returning leaves Tarboro 4 30 p m; Parmele 6.30 p. m. arrives Washington 7.45 p. m. Daily except Sunday. Connects at Parmele with trains on Scotland Neck Branch.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, at 4.50 p m; Sunday 3.00 p m; arrive Plymouth 9 00 p m, 5 25 p m. Returning, leave Plymouth daily except Sunday 6.00 a m, Sunday 9 30 a m; Arrive Tarboro 10 25 a m and 11 55 a m.

Train on Midland N C Branch leaves Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 6 05 a m; arrive Smithfield N. C., 7.30 a m. Returning, leaves Smithfield, N. C., 8 00 a m; arrive Goldsboro, N. C., 9 30 a m.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 4.30 p m, arrives Nashville 5.05 p m, Spring Hope 5.30 p m. Returning leaves Spring Hope 8 a m, Nashville 8 35 a m; arrive Rocky Mount 9 05 a m, daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leave Warsaw for Clinton Daily except Sunday at 11.10 a m and 8.05 p m; returning leave Clinton at 7.00 a m, and 3.00 p m.

Trainson South and North Carolina Railroad leave Elliott 11 20 a m and 7 15 p m, Lucknow 1 00 p m, and 8 15 p m; returning leave Lucknow 6 30 a m and 2 00 p m, arrive Elliott 8 00 a m and 3 30 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Florence Railroad leave Fee Dee 8 40 a m, arrive Latta 9.01 a m, Dillon 9 12 a m, Rowland 9

The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

TUESDAY MORNING DEC. 17, 1895

SPOTS AND FUTURES

New York Sun's Review of the Cotton Market.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 16.—The *Sun* says: Cotton advanced two points but lost this and declined five points, closing quiet and steady at a net decline of four points, with sales of 120,000 bales.

To-day's features: Liverpool became firmer than had been expected and accordingly New York prices at first advanced, due partly to local covering and and a few buying orders from Europe. In the main it was a local market and not much of it at that. Later on, when Liverpool receded, prices here declined slightly. The estimated receipts at Houston and New Orleans to-morrow are not small by any means and this fact is attributable, it is believed, rather to the usual Christmas cotton movement than to any increase of supply. The political situation in Europe is better, judging from appearances. British consols were higher and the financial news from London and the Continent was more cheerful. Moreover it is believed that the crop is very small, and that the early part of 1896 will witness a notable rise in prices. They are considerably lower now than in 1894, when the crop was 6,700 000 bales, whereas the bulls maintain that the present crop is something below this figure. New Orleans and local operators sold this afternoon, however, and for the moment it is merely a traders' market, in which the fluctuations possess no great significance.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

May Wheat Closed Lower—Corn and Oats Higher—Better Prices for Pork Products.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—The visible supply statement cut a very important figure in determining the value of wheat to-day. The full consequence of the big increase shown (3,048,000 bushels) was not permanent, however, the buying against puts and the early sellers returning prices to about the opening quotations, which were still below the close of Saturday. May wheat opened from 59⅞@59⅝c, sold between 59⅞@60c and 59¼c, closing at 59⅝@59¾c—¼@⅜c under yesterday.

At first corn resisted the influence of the weaker wheat market, but subsequently yielded to it. May corn opened at 28¼, sold between 28@28⅛ and 28⅛@28⅜c, closing at the outside—⅛ to ¼c higher than Saturday. Cash corn was ¼c per bushel lower.

The buying of oats for short account and by elevator people was on a liberal scale to-day. Slight gains in prices were made before the close. May oats closed ¼c higher than yesterday. Cash oats were ¼@⅜c per bushel lower, closing nominally firm.

There was more assurance to the buying of the product to-day than has been noted for some time. Even during the period of heaviness in grain there was little inclination to weakness and the close was with good gains all through the list. Hogs were firm, but not quotably higher. The close was 10@10½c higher for May pork, 5c higher for May lard and 2½@5c higher for May ribs.

THE GOLD RESERVE.

Over Three Millions Withdrawn for Export—Another Issue of Bonds Probable.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 16.—The Treasury Department was informed this afternoon that $3 200 000 in gold had been withdrawn at the New York sub-Treasury for export to-morrow. Most of the gold goes to Germany. Of the withdrawn gold, $2 800 000 was in bars and $400 000 in coin. This reduces the Treasury gold reserve to $72 804,766

Talk of another issue of bonds has naturally been revived by the heavy withdrawals, but at the Treasury no preparations for that purpose are in progress As Congress has not had time to indicate its intention in the matter it is probable that the President will not act at once in the matter, but delay as long as in his judgment such inaction will not cause uneasiness.

There is said to be absolutely no doubt that should the gold reserve drop below what is regarded as the point of confidence and in the absence of Congressional action, either immediate or prospective, the President will direct an issue of $50,000,000 of bonds to rehabilitate the gold reserve.

STEAMER DISABLED.

The Claribel of the Atlas Line En Route to New York.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 16.—The Pacific mail steamship Newport which arrived at Quarantine to-night brings word that at half-past 5 o'clock on the morning of December 13th she fell in with the Atlas Line steamer Claribel, the latter being disabled. The Newport passed a line to her, but later the Claribel cast it off and signalled to the Newport to proceed and report to the owners of the Atlas Line on her arrival in New York. The Claribel when sighted was in latitude 28 56 north; longitude 74.14 west; which is off the Carolina coast. A strong west-southwest gale prevailed at the time and a high sea was running

The torpedo boat, Cushing, left Brooklyn yesterday for Washington, where she will go into Winter quarters.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 14.—Spirits turpentine firm and steady at 27½@28c. Rosin dull but steady; strained common to good $1 70@1 75.

CHARLESTON, December 16.—Spirits turpentine was firm at 25c; receipts 81 casks. Rosin firm; good strained $1 20 @1 30; receipts 279 barrels.

SAVANNAH, December 15.—Spirits turpentine firm at 25½c bid; sales 404 casks; demand strong. Rosin dull for water white and window glass and firm for all other grades; sales 4 000 barrels; quotations unchanged.

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SENATOR STEWART'S ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF FREE SILVER.

Numerous Bills and Resolutions Introduced—Secretary Carlisle's Report Laid Before the Senate—Unimportant Proceedings in the House of Representatives.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, December 16.—The evil days with which Western manufacturing industry is threatened by competition from China and Japan were passionately portrayed in the Senate to-day by Mr. Stewart of Nevada, Populist, in connection with his resolution instructing the Finance Committee to inquire what the effect of the difference of exchange between gold standard countries and silver standard countries has on the agricultural and manufacturing industries of the United States.

Mr. Stewart's contention was that as the expenses of Eastern labor and materials are paid for in silver by those countries, and as the products are sold in the United States and Europe for gold or its equivalent, the Orientals have, in the difference of exchange, an advantage of 50 per cent., and that this advantage, joined to their mechanical skill, their low wages and their cheap mode of living, enables them to undersell all competitors and will, if not checked, transfer the manufacturing of the world from the West to the East. The only way to prevent such an evil, Mr. Stewart argued, is to restore the parity between gold and silver. No action was taken on the resolution, which lies on the table to be called up at any time for further discussion.

The other proceedings in the Senate to-day were of a routine character. Petitions were presented for a restoration of the wool and woollens schedule of the McKinsly tariff act, and for one cent letter postage. Bills were introduced to exclude aliens from public employment and to protect public forest reservations, and a resolution was offered by McCaffery and agreed to, calling on the President for a report as to why the law providing for the payment of a sugar bounty has not been enforced,

Mr. Call presented a written statement, the name of the writer being withheld, asserting the unreliability of the press dispatches relating to Cuba, and also asserting "the complete organization and success of the revolutionists" It was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Among the numerous bills introduced and referred was one by Mr. Gallinger of New Hampshire, Republican, excluding aliens from public employment.

At 2.30 p. m. the Senate adjourned until to-morrow.

Secretary Carlisle's annual report to Congress was laid before the Senate by the Vice President a few minutes before noon and at the same time printed copies were placed upon the desks of Senators. The most significant statement drawn out by the report was, perhaps, that of Mr. Voorhees, the present chairman of the Finance Committee, who expressed the belief that a resolution declaring it inexpedient and unwise to retire the greenbacks would scarcely receive fifteen negative votes in the Senate.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The session of the House to-day lasted an hour and forty minutes and was devoted chiefly to routine business.

Delegate Flynn, of Oklahoma, offered a resolution, which was adopted, calling on the Secretary of the Interior for the reasons why that official had not in accordance with the law thrown open to settlement the Wichita Indian reservation in Oklahoma, and inquiring whether any of Secretary Smith's relatives were interested in delaying the time of its opening. He severely criticised the Secretary for dereliction in executing the laws of Congress and asserted there never was a Secretary of the Interior since the foundation of the Government who had devoted less time to his public duties than Secretary Smith, who, he said, was "parading around the country changing his mind on the money question."

To-morrow was set apart for the consideration of amendments to the rules of the Fifty first Congress, so as to permit an enlargement of the list of committees and an increase of membership thereon.

A bill was passed to legalize certain practices in vogue of importing fish and packing them in bonded warehouses for export.

Unsuccessful attempts were made to have printed in the *Record* various memorials and petitions on the Cuban and Armenian questions.

The House then at 1.40 p. m. adjourned until to-morrow.

LATE FOREIGN NEWS.

Rumor That Great Britain is Negotiating For the Purchase of Cuba From Spain—England and the Atrocities in Armania—Italy's War in Africa—Turkish Troops Defeated by Christians.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

MANCHESTER, Dec. 16.—The *Guardian* says that the Duke of Westminster a few days ago wrote a letter to Lord Salisbury urging that England take decisive action to put a stop to the atrocities in Armenia. In reply to this letter, the Premier admitted that there was really no effective concert of the European Powers in regard to Turkey. He was convinced, he said, that although public opinion in England was deeply moved at the horrors in Armenia, there was no such deep-seated feeling existing in the countries of the Continent.

ROME, Dec. 16.—The Italian Government has ordered in England 100 000 tins of preserved meats for the use of the Italian troops in Abyssinia. The forts at Massowah and on the coast are being garrisoned by sailors in order to permit all of the soldiers to go to the front.

MADRID, December 16.—Negotiations are proceeding between the Spanish Government and a Paris syndicate of capitalists to increase to 125 000,000 pesetas the loan required to conduct operations against the insurgents in Cuba.

ATHENS, December 16.—A dispatch from Syria, capital of the island of that name, says that three battalions of Turkish troops have been defeated by the Cretans at Apokorona, Crete. The Turkish loss being 24 killed and 58 wounded. The Cretan loss was five killed and eight wounded. The dispatch also says that the Turks have murdered two women, five children and three men at Alicampo.

ZANZIBAR, December 16.—Advices have been received here that on the night of November 26th a caravan of 1,200 men, en route for Eldoma, was attacked by Chief Masai and his followers and more than a thousand of the men comprising the caravan were murdered.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—The officials at the Foreign Office when questioned on the subject to day, declared that they knew nothing, save from newspaper reports of the story that has been circulated to the effect that Great Britain is negotiating with Spain for the cession of Cuba. The report above referred to was that Great Britain, in return for the cession of Cuba, would turn Gibraltar over to Spain, assume the Cuban debt and acquiesce in the Spanish plans in Morocco. Prime Minister Canovas Del Castillo, it is said, was favorable to the idea of ceding Cuba to Great Britain, but only as a last resource.

The British Foreign Office denies the report from Rome that Great Britain has agreed to cede Zeila, on the Somali coast, to Italy for a term of years.

IRISH-AMERICANS.

AN ARMY FORMING FOR THE LIBERATION OF IRELAND.

Members of the Clan-Na-Gael Who Believe in Open Warfare—Fully Seven Hundred Thousand Men Enrolled.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BOSTON, MASS., December 16.—A dispatch printed this morning as to the formation of an Irish-American army for the liberation of Ireland, in the principal cities of the country, was shown to-day to Col. Roger F. Scannell, one of the oldest members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in this section of the country, and who is also prominently identified with the Clan-Na-Gael and other Irish organizations.

"You can say for me," said Col. Scannell, "that there are already in this city several companies formed of the Irish-American army. They have been drilling regularly in their respective halls, and most of the members are good shooters. The companies are located in the city proper, South Boston, East Boston, Charlestown and Roxbury, and all told there are 1 800 men enrolled in the new organization.

"In addition to drilling in their respective halls, the members of the organization take advantage of the holidays and go out into the woods, where they practice with their rifles. The leaders of the movement are military men, nearly all of whom are veterans. The bulk of the organization is composed mostly of young men, who are imbued with enthusiasm and are ready to do all in their power for aiding their native land. The Clan Na Gael believes in open warfare, and are opposed to so much secrecy in the agitation of the freedom of Ireland. They intend to have it conducted in a more open manner and upon broader principles. It has been proven in the past in all Irish movements that the secrecy which prevailed resulted in detriment to the cause. This was due no doubt to the selfishness of the leaders of the movement. In many of the Irish movements large amounts of money have been contributed to the Irish people, and the handling of these large amounts of money is temping to all parties.

"At present there is a difference of opinion among the leaders of the movement on the question of religion entering into it. Some of the leaders argue that from the days of Henry Grattan Protestant Irishmen have been as faithful as Catholic Irishmen in their devotion to the 'Old Sod.' In the ranks of the Clan-Na-Gael are many Protestant Irishmen, including ministers, and they have been steadfast members of the order. On the other hand it has been proven that the informers were Protestant Irishmen, who were the hired officials of the British Government. Among the Clan Na Gaels the question they are now discussing is whether in this new movement it is safe to trust so important a matter to the Protestant Irishmen.

"This Irish American army must not be confounded with the Ancient Order of Hibernians. It is true that there are thousands of Hibernians who are also Clan Na Gaels. The Ancient Order, however, is a benevolent organization, but at the same time they are loyal in their devotion to the in native land."

Col. Scannell added the time for oratory had gone by and we must be ready for other means.

"While Parnell lived we thought that Ireland would receive what it ought to by moral suasion, but having failed in that direction, we must try some other method.

"Some idea of the strength of the Clan Na Gael in this country," said Col. Scannell, "can be gained from the statement that there are fully 700,000 men enrolled in the organization. Councils for the Clan-Na Gael are established in every State in the Union. The Union is strongest in Chicago and Philadelphia, while New York and Boston come next in order. There is no reason why, if the Tory Government cannot give Ireland what she is entitled to, that it is now that the Irish, who are in a position to demand their rights, should avail themselves of different means to try and obtain them.

"Europe was never so long in peace and slumber before, and she cannot remain in that position much longer"

In closing the Colonel said: "European wars must take place now and again, and if anything should happen the Irish-American will be found ready for the conflict and the Hub of the Universe will furnish its compliement of the army."

WASHINGTON NEWS.

Speaker Reed and the Contested Election Cases.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 16.—Shall there be one, two or three committees to decide the thirty odd contested election cases now before the House? That is the question which Speaker Reed is trying to settle, and in order to reach a conclusion he consulted this afternoon the leading Republican and Democratic members. This conference occurred in the Speaker's private room. It was attended by Messrs Payne and Daniels, of New York; Henderson, of Iowa; Cannon, of Illinois; and Dalzell, of Pennsylvania, Republicans, and ex Speaker Crisp, of Georgia; Mr. Bailey, of Texas and McMillin, of Tennessee.

The conference lasted an hour. At the expiration of that time the Democrats withdrew and the Republicans informally discussed the matter for an hour longer. The Republicans were a unit in favor of three committees to consist of nine members each. Mr. McMillin, of Tennessee, favored one large committee of, say twenty seven members. Mr. Bailey, of Texas, was apparently influenced by the Republican argument, and he is reported as not looking with disfavor upon a division of the committee. Ex Speaker Crisp is reported to have done more listening than talking, but he was opposed to the general proposition.

There is little doubt that the result of to-day's conference will be the formation of three committees which will be announced with the other committees on, possibly, Friday of this week, just before the adjournment for the holidays.

It is understood that Mr. Powers of Vermont was tendered the chairmanship of one of the committees and that he declined to.

Copies of Lord Salisbury's note have been made at the State Department and are ready for transmission at any time.

The correspondence relating to the Armenian situation is also being prepared, and will follow the Salisbury note in a very short time.

TRIALS AT TRENTON.

Insurance Conspiracy Case—Defendants Confident of Acquittal.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEWBERN, N. C., December 15.—The insurance conspiracy case against Noe and the Delemars was begun at Trenton Saturday. It probably will last until Wednesday. Thirty witnesses have been summoned for the State and about twenty for the defendants. The State's evidence is contradictory and there is no telling what the result will be. The defendants are confident of acquittal.

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M. E. CONFERENCE.

Fourth Day's Session—Reports of Committees—Resolutions Adopted.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NORFOLK, Dec. 16.—A *Virginian* special from Elizabeth City, N. C., says: The fourth day's session of the North Carolina Methodist Conference was called to order this morning at 9.30 o'clock by the Rev. F. D. Swindell of Newbern. The religious exercises were conducted by Rev. E. C. Glenn of Morehead City.

Dr. Kilgo of Trinity College urged that help be extended to indigent young men desiring to attend college.

Rev. John R. Sawyer, chairman of the Sunday School Board, submitted report of the committee, which was adopted.

Rev. J. B. Hurley, chairman of the Epworth League Committee, reported, showing a gratifying increase of leagues and membership.

On motion, the offer of Rev. L. W. Grissom, half owner of the Conference organ, the *North Carolina Advocate*, to sell his stock at $1 000 less than cost was referred to the Committee on Books and Periodicals.

The Committee on Books and Periodicals brought in the original report rejecting the offer of Rev. L. W. Grissom to sell his interest in the *North Carolina Advocate* to the Conference. A lively discussion took place, participated in by Rev. F. D. Swindell and Rev. R. B. John. Rev. J. T. Gibbs moved the previous question and the substitute offered by Rev. R. B. John to not accept the *North Carolina Advocate* as the organ of the Conference was adopted by a vote of 89 to 52

Rev. R. B. John moved that a committee be appointed to take charge of the paper question, to confer with a committee from the Western N. C. Conference, which was carried. The following committee was appointed: W. S. Black, R. A. Willis, R. B John, T. J. Jarvis, T. H. Gatling and Q. K. Nimock

The statistical secretaries made their report which showed considerable increase in church membership and erection of new churches.

The report of the Committees on Temperance, Bible Cause and Church Property, were read and adopted.

Rev. W. B. Doub, chairman of the Board of Missions, made the report of the committee, which was adopted. It recommended the appointment of a Conference secretary for missions with a salary of $1,200 per annum and traveling expenses.

Rev. Dr Swindell offered a resolution thanking the good people of Elizabeth City for their bounteous hospitality in entertaining the Conference, to the railway and steamboat lines for reduced rates, and to the newspapers who have made reports of the Conference proceedings.

The Bishop, after making a few remarks urging fidelity on the preachers, no matter how difficult some of them might find their new fields to be, read the appointments of the ensuing year.

SENATE COMMITTEES.

List of Chairmen Agreed Upon in Caucus.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 16.—The Republican committee to fill the committees of the Senate completed its labors to night and directed a call for a caucus to issue for to-morrow immediately upon the adjournment of the Senate. When this caucus convenes, Mr. Mitchell, chairman of the committee, will submit and the caucus will approve the following list of chairmen, which, it will be seen, takes care of every Republican and Populist member of the Senate:

Agriculture, Proctor of Vermont; Appropriations, Allison of Iowa; Contingent Expenses, Jones of Nevada; Census, Chandler of New Hampshire; Civil Service and Retrenchment, Pritchard of North Carolina; Claims Teller of Colorado; Coast Defence, Squire of Washington; Commerce, Frye of Maine; District of Columbia, McMillan of Michigan; Education and Labor, Shoup of Idaho; Enrolled Bills, Sewell of New Jersey; To Examine the Several Branches of the Civil Service, Peffer of Kansas, Populist; Finance, Morrill of Vermont; Fisheries, Perkins of California; Foreign Relations, Sherman of Ohio, Immigration, Lodge of Massachusetts; Improvement of the Mississippi River, Nelson of Minnesota; Indian Affairs, Pettigrew of South Dakota; Indian Depredations Wilson of Washington; Inter State Commerce, Cullom of Illinois; Irrigation, Warren of Wyoming; Judiciary Hoar of Massachusetts; Library, Hansbrough of North Dakota; Manufactures, Wetmore of Rhode Island; Mines and Mining, Stewart of Nevada, Populist; Military Affairs, Hawley of Connecticut; Naval Affairs, Cameron of Pennsylvania; Organization and Expenditures in the Executive Departments Butler of North Carolina Populist; Pacific Railroad, Gear of Iowa; Patents, Platt of Connecticut; Pensions; Post-offices and Post Roads, Wolcott of Colorado; Printing, Hale of Maine; Privileges and Elections, Mitchell of Oregon; Public Buildings and Grounds, Quay of Pennsylvania; Public Lands, Dubois of Idaho; Railroads, Clark of Wyoming; Relations with Canada, Carter of Montana; Revision of the Laws, Burrows of Michigan; Rules, Aldrich of Rhode Island; Territories, Davis of Minnesota; Transportation and Routes to the Seaboard, McBride of Oregon; To Establish the University of the United State, Kyle of South Dakota, Populist; International Expositions, Thurston of Nebraska; To Investigate the Geological Survey, Elkins of West Virginia; National Banks, Mantle of Montana; Forest Reservations, Allen of Nebraska; To Investigate Trespassers on Indian Lands, Baker of Kansas.

The special committee to investigate the Ford's Theatre disaster will be left open for one of the Utah Senators. Under the present Democratic organization of the Senate each member of the Populist party holds a chairmanship, and the Republicans have also given them chairmanships.

SUIT FOR $10,000

Against the Street Railway Company of Winston, N. C.—The American Tobacco Company's Suit.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WINSTON Dec. 16.—Mr. T. J. Wilson, Jr., one of Winston's tobacco manufacturers, has brought suit for $10,000 against the Winston-Salem Street Railway Company for killing his little son, on September 11th. John R. Wise, formerly of Virginia, now of New York, is managing the case for the defendants. He is here and will ask Judge Brown to-morrow for a removal of the trial to the Circuit Court at Greensboro.

The American Tobacco Company has taken an appeal in the long and hotly contested suit which was recently decided by Judge Simonton of the United States District Court in favor of the Winston Cigarette Machine Company and against the Bonsack Machine. The case will be heard by the Circuit Court of Appeals at Richmond, Va.

A dispatch from Houston, Texas, says that Fitzsimmons has signed articles of agreement to fight Peter Maher for the world's championship on February 14th near El Paso.

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THE VENEZUELA MATTER

Will be Sent to Congress To-Day Probably for Its Action.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 16.—Secretary Olney was closeted with the President nearly all the morning, this conference following one of equal duration last night. The Venezuelan matter, it is understood, was under discussion, and it is stated that the conclusion reached was to send to the Senate, probably to-morrow, the text of Secretary Olney's dispatch to the British Government defining the Monroe doctrine and also the text of Earl Salisbury's reply, in which, after consulting, as he says, the most eminent authorities on international law, he states the British view of the legal questions presented. The whole controversy, so far as the British side of it is concerned, is stated to assume an exceedingly technical legal shape, and the belief is that the President will send the matter to Congress for its action without any definite recommendation except such as may be derived from the correspondence.

WARM WIRELETS.

The working tailors of New York city are engaged in another big struggle. The brotherhood of tailors calls it a lockout; the employers call it a strike.

The Mergenthaler Linotype Co. has been incorporated with the Secretary of State of New York, to manufacture type-casting and setting machines in Brooklyn.

At a conference in New York City between representatives of the Southern iron interests and parties to the agreement made last summer, it was decided not to make any reduction in the present price of pig iron.

Umstadter & Co., one of the oldest firms in Norfolk, Va., has filed a deed of assignment. The liabilities amount to about $100 000 and preferences aggregate $35,000. It is thought the assets will be sufficient to pay in full.

The German National Bank of Lincoln Neb., has closed its doors and is under the care of the National Bank Examiner. The capital stock was $100. 000 and deposits about $50 000. The assets are several times that amount. There is no excitement.

The Empire State Bank of New York city retired from business yesterday, and will wind up its affairs through the Astor Place Bank, where all depositors will be paid their balances on application. The bank had not been as successful as was expected, and the stockholders decided to wind up its affairs and retire from business

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